



GO AND...

GO AND BE PRESENT THROUGH CHRISTMAS CAROLING TOGETHER

Go and be present, by gathering a group of folks together to carol to those in your congregation and larger community who are homebound or who might need a seasonal pick-me-up through song. To help compile your Christmas carol song list, here is a list of songs that are in the public domain and do not require additional copyright notice:

- Angels from the Realms of Glory
- Angels We Have Heard on High
- Auld Lang Syne
- Away in a Manger
- Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella
- Coventry Carol
- Deck the Halls
- The First Noel
- Gesu Bambino
- God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen
- Go Tell it on the Mountain
- Good King Wenceslas
- Hark the Herald Angels Sing
- Here We Come A-Caroling
- The Holly and the Ivy
- I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day
- I Saw Three Ships
- In the Bleak Midwinter
- It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
- Jingle Bells
- Jolly Old St. Nicholas
- Joy to the World
- Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
- O Christmas Tree
- O Come All Ye Faithful
- O Come, O Come Emmanuel
- O Holy Night
- O Little Town of Bethlehem
- Once in Royal David's City
- Silent Night
- Toyland
- The Twelve Days of Christmas
- Up on the Housetop
- The Wassail Song
- We Three Kings
- We Wish You a Merry Christmas
- What Child is This?
- While Shepherds Watched their Flocks

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