

On Christmas Night [Sussex Carol]

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains the first line of the melody: 'On Christ-mas night all Christ-ians sing, To hear the news _the'. The second staff continues the melody with a first ending bracket over the first two measures and a second ending bracket over the next two measures. The lyrics are: 'an-gels bring On an-gels bring. News of great joy _News of _great'. The third staff concludes the piece with a final cadence, including a 9/4 time signature change for the first measure. The lyrics are: 'mirth. News of our mer - ci - ful _ King's birth. _ _'.

On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring.
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To hear the news the angels bring.
News of great joy, News of great mirth.
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sins he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty.

When sins departs before his grace,
The life and health come in its place;
When sins departs before his grace,
The life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the new-born King.

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night;
All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night;
'Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and for evermore, Amen'