



SLEIGH RIDE

Music by Leroy Anderson
Lyrics by Mitchell Parish
Arranged by David Clydesdale
Performed by Gay Men's Chorus
of South Florida (Wilton Manors FL)

Sleigh ride, sleigh ride, sleigh ride,
On a sleigh ride with you!
Let's go out in the snow!
Hay yay beautiful day
Ding dong Singin' a song!
Yoo hoo on a sleigh Ride with you!

Our cheeks are nice and rosy,
and comfy cozy are we,
We've snuggled close together
like two birds of a feather would be.
Let's take the road before us
and sing a chorus or two.
Come on, it's lovely weather
for a sleigh tide together with you.

Giddy yap, giddy yap, giddy yap, let's go,
Let's look at the show,
We're riding in a wonderland of snow.

Giddy yap, giddy yap, giddy yap it's grand.
Just holdin' your hand.
We're gliding a long with a song
of a wintery fairy land.

Just hear those sleigh bells jinglin'
ring-ting-ting-gle-in' too,
Come on, it's lovely weather
for a sleigh ride together with you.

Outside the snow is falling
and friends are calling, "Yoo hoo,"
Come on, it's lovely weather
for a sleigh ride together with you.
Ding dong singin' a song! Yoo hoo (7x)

Let's go out in the snow!
Hay yay beautiful day
Ding dong Singin' a song!
Yoo hoo on a sleigh Ride with you!
Yeah!

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

Music and lyrics by Robert Lowry
Arranged by Taylor Davis
Performed by The Stonewall Chorale
(New York NY)

My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet, tho' far-off hymn
that hails a new creation;
Thro' all the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul—
how can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest round me roars
I know the truth, it liveth
What though the darkness round me
close songs in the night it giveth
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that rock I'm clinging
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth
how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,
and hear their death-knell ringing,
When friends rejoice both far and near,
how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile,
our thoughts to them go winging;
When friends by shame are undefiled,
how can I keep from singing?

THE CHANUKAH SONG (We Are Lights)

Music by Stephen Schwartz

Lyrics by Steve Young

Arranged by Mac Huff

Performed by Steel City Men's Chorus
(Birmingham AL)

A lamp that kept on burning,
a miracle they say;
But the world has kept on turning
are there miracles today?
Ev'ryone who lights the candles
has a bit of ancient spark.
We are miracles, lighting up the dark.

We are lights, lights of memory,
Rememb'ring times long gone.
We are glowing, growing miracles
We are lights, we are shining on and on.

A row of burning candles
shines light upon your face,
Linking you and me and all of us
to a far off holy place.
But the blazing of the candles
is not the only light.
Look at all of us, shining here tonight.

We are lights, lights of memory,
Rememb'ring times long gone.
We are glowing, growing miracles.
We are lights, we are shining on and on.

THERE'S STILL MY JOY

Music and lyrics by Melissa Manchester,
Matt Rollings and Beth Chapman

Arranged by Roger Emerson

Performed by OurSong: The Atlanta Gay
and Lesbian Chorus
(Atlanta GA)

I brought my tree down to the shore,
The garland and the silver star,
to find my peace and grieve no more,
to heal this place inside my heart.

On ev'ry branch, I laid some bread,
and hungry birds filled up the sky,
They rang like bells around my head,
they sang my spirit back to life.

One tiny Child can change the world;
one shining Light can show the way.
Through my tears for what I've lost,
there's still my joy,
there's still my joy for Christmas Day.

The snow comes down on empty sand,
there's tinsel moonlight on the waves.
My soul was lost, but here I am,
so this must be amazing grace.

One tiny Child can change the world;
one shining Light can show the way.
Through my tears for what I've lost,
there's still my joy,
there's still my joy for Christmas Day.

THE HOLLY AND THE IVY

Traditional carol
Arranged by Kirby Shaw
Performed by GenOUT Youth Chorus
(Washington DC)

Doom-puh-doom-puh-doom,
doo-puh-doom, doo-doot...

The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all trees that are in the wood
The holly bears the crown.

Oh, the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.

Oh, fa-la-la-la-la-la-la...

The holly bears a berry
As red as any blood,
And Mary had a little baby boy
For to do poor sinners good.

Oh, the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.

Oh, fa-la-la-la-la-la-la...
The holly and the ivy!

AIN'T GONNA LET NOBODY TURN ME ROUND

African-American Spiritual
Arranged by J. David Moore
Additional text by the Trans Chorus of Los Angeles

Performed by a Combined Trans Chorus featuring:

- THEM Youth Ensemble (Tucson, AZ)
- shOUT: Minnesota's Trans and Gender Diverse Voices (Minneapolis MN)
- Trans Chorus of Los Angeles (Los Angeles CA)
- Phoenix: Colorado's Trans Community Choir (Broomfield CO)
- Spectrum Singers (Spokane, WA)
- Transpose PDX (Portland, OR)

AIN'T GONNA LET NOBODY (continued)

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me round, turn me round, turn me round.
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me round.
I'm gonna keep on a walkin', keep on a talkin', marchin' for everyone trans.

Ain't gonna let no Doctors, turn me 'round, Turn me 'round, turn me 'round.
Ain't gonna let no Doctor's, turn me 'round.
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin', Marchin' for every'one Trans

Ain't gonna let no Family, turn me 'round, Turn me 'round, turn me 'round.
Ain't gonna let no Family, turn me 'round.
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin', Marchin' for every'one Trans

Ain't gonna let no Legislation, turn me 'round, Turn me 'round, turn me 'round.
Ain't gonna let no Legislation, turn me 'round.
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin', Marchin' for every'one Trans

Ain't gonna let frustration, turn me 'round, Turn me 'round, turn me 'round.
Ain't gonna let frustration, turn me 'round,
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin'.
Marchin' for every'one Trans

Ain't gonna let no hatred turn me around
Turn me around, turn me around
Ain't gonna let the administration turn me around
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin'.
Marchin' for every'one Trans

Ain't gonna let no Injustice, turn me 'round, Turn me 'round, turn me 'round.
Ain't gonna let no Injustice, turn me 'round.
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin',
Marchin' for every'one Trans

BE A CANDLE OF HOPE

Music and lyrics by Becky Slagle Mayo
Performed by Sacramento Women's Chorus
(Sacramento CA)

Be a candle of hope
Be a candle of light
A beacon of truth
In a dark hopeless night
Share the light with a friend
And watch the flame grow
The more light we give
The more love we'll know

When you light another candle
You keep your light
But give it away
Yet the flame grows even brighter
As the darkness turns into day

Be a candle of hope
Be a candle of light
A beacon of truth
In a dark hopeless night
Share the light with a friend
And watch the flame grow
The more light we give
The more love we'll know

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Traditional
Arranged by David Maddux
Performed by Denver Gay Men's Chorus
(Denver CO)

We wish you a merry Christmas,
and a happy, little ole new year!

Good tidings we bring to you and y'all's kin.
Good tidings for Christmas,
and a happy, little ole new year!

New year...

We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish all y'all a merry, merry Christmas,
and a happy new year!

But we don't want your figgy pudding,
'Cause, what the heck is figgy pudding anyway,
We just might take a glass of whisky though,
And a plate of barbeque!

We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish all y'all a merry, merry Christmas,
and a happy new year!

We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish all y'all a merry, merry Christmas,
and a happy little ole new year!

Yeehaw!

SURE ON THIS SHINING NIGHT

Music by Morten Lauridsen

Poem by James Agee

Performed by Singing Out Toronto
(Toronto ON Canada)

Sure on this shining night of star-made shadows
round,
Kindness must watch for me this side the ground,
On this shining night, this shining night.

Sure on this shining night of star-made shadows
round,
Kindness must watch for me this side the ground,
On this shining night, this shining night.

The late year lies down the north
All is healed, all is health
High summer holds the earth, hearts all whole.

The late year lies down the north
All is healed, all is health
High summer holds the earth, hearts all whole.

Sure on this shining night,
Sure on this shining night
Sure on this shining night.

I weep for wonder wand'ring far alone
Of shadows on the stars.

Sure on this shining night, this shining night
On this shining night, this shining night
Sure on this shining night.

YO LE CANTO TODO EL DIA

Music by David L. Brunner

Lyrics Anonymous

Performed by Austin Gay Men's Chorus
(Austin TX)

Lyrics and translation

Ya me voy de corazon,
So I am moving with my heart

Ya me voy con un tambor
So I am leaving with a drum

Yo le canto todo el dia

I sing to you all day long

Yo le canto todo el dia
I sing to you all day long

Yo le canto, Yo le canto
I sing to you, I sing to you

Yo le canto todo el dia
I sing to you all day long

Con carino y alegria
With affection and joy

Ya me voy con un tambor
So I am leaving with a drum

Con carino y emocion
With affection and emotion

La la la la la la la la

Yo le canto todo el dia
I sing to you all day long

Yo le canto todo el dia
I sing to you all day long

Yo le canto
I sing to you

Yo le canto todo el dia
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Ya me voy con un tambor
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With affection and emotion

La la la la la la la la

Yo le canto, Yo le canto
I sing to you, I sing to you

Yo le canto todo el dia
I sing to you all day long

I WILL SING

Music and lyrics by Michael Engelhardt
Performed by Out Loud Chorus
(Ann Arbor MI)

We've all been given
our little corner of space and time
with the permission
to do with it as we see fit for a while.

So begs the question,
what will I do with the portion given to me?
This one possession so pure and precious.
Darkness and fear abound,
but this song keeps calling out from deep within me.

With all of my soul, I will sing.
My heart ever steadfast, this melody will bring.
It may or may not resonate, but here's the thing:
Even so, with all of my soul, I will sing.

It's not that easy.
Great are the doubts from within and without.
They won't defeat me,
not if I'm completely
standing on higher ground,
confident in the sound that lives within me.

I will sing forevermore!
I will sing with all my heart and my soul!
I have decided that with this one life, I will sing!

IN DULCI JUBILO

14th century German carol
Arranged by R. L. Pearsall
Edited by John Rutter
Performed by San Diego Women's Chorus
(San Diego CA)

In dulci jubilo (in sweet rejoicing)
Let us our homage shew
Our heart's joy reclineth
In praeseptio (in the manger)
And like a bright start shineth
Matris in gremio (in the mother's lap)
Alpha es et O (you are alpha and omega)
Alpha es et O

O Jesu parvule! (oh tiny Jesus)
I yearn for thee alway!
Hear me, I beseech thee,
O Puer optime! (oh child most excellent)
My prayer let it reach thee,
O Princeps gloriae! (oh prince of glory)
Trahe me poste, (draw me after thee)
Trahe me poste!

O Patris caritas, (oh love of the Father)
O Nati lenitas! (oh gentleness of the Son)
Deep were we stained
Per nostra crimina; (through our crimes)
But thou for us gained
Coelorum gaudia (the joys of heaven)
O that we were there,
O that we were there!

Ubi sunt gaudia (Where are joys?)
If that they be not there?
There are angels singing
Nova cantica (new songs)
And there the bells are ringing
In Regis curia: (in the courts of the King)
O that we were there,
O that we were there!

CHANUKAH IN SANTA MONICA

Music and lyrics by Tom Lehrer
Arranger by Bill Bowersock
Performed by Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles
(Los Angeles CA)

Ooooh
I'm spending Chanukah in Santa Monica
Wearing sandals, lighting candles by the sea
I spent Shavuot in East Saint Louis
A charming spot, but clearly not the spot for me

Those Eastern winters, I can't endure 'em
So ev'ry year I pack my gear
and come out here 'til Purim
Rosh Hashona I spend in Arizona
And Yom Kippur way down in Mississippi

But come December there's just one place for me
Amid the California flora
I'll be lighting my menorah,
Like a baby in its cradle
I'll be playing with my dreidel,
Spending Chanukah in Santa Monica by the sea

I'm spending Chanukah in Santa Monica
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So ev'ry year I pack my gear
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Rosh Hashona I spend in Arizona
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But come December there's just one place for me
Amid the California flora
I'll be lighting my menorah,
Like a baby in its cradle
I'll be playing with my dreidel,
Here's to Judas Maccabeus,
boy if he could only see us
Spending Chanukah in Santa Monica by the sea.
by the, by the beautiful sea. Yeah!

HAPPY HOLIDAY / WHITE CHRISTMAS

Music and lyrics by Irving Berlin
Arranged by Ed Lojeski
Performed by Atlanta Women's Chorus
(Atlanta GA)

Happy Holiday – Happy Holiday
While the merry bells keep ringing
May your every wish come true

Happy Holiday – Happy Holiday
May the calendar keep bringing
Happy Holidays to you

Happy Holiday – Happy Holiday
While the merry bells keep ringing
May your every wish come true

Happy Holiday – Happy Holiday
May the calendar keep bringing
Happy Holidays to you

Happy Holiday
[I'm dreaming of a white Christmas]
Happy Holiday
While the merry bells keep ringing
[Just like the ones I used to know]
May your every wish come true

Where the treetops glisten
and children listen
to hear Sleigh bells in the snow

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With ev'ry Christmas card I write.

May your days be merry and bright,
And may all your Christmases be white.
Happy Holidays, happy holidays to you