

## *Royal Eye and Ear Hospital*

### *Staff and Family Christmas Carols 2023*

#### *Opening Carols:*

##### *18<sup>th</sup> century: Joy to the World:*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns; Let men their songs,  
employ; While fields and floods, Rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove,  
The glory of his righteousness, And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love

##### *16<sup>th</sup> century: Deck the Halls*

Deck the halls with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la la, la la la, la la la.  
Troll the ancient Yule tide carol, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

See the blazing Yule before us, Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Strike the harp and join the chorus, Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Follow me in merry measure, Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
While I tell of Yule tide treasure, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Fast away the old year passes, Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Sing we joyous, all together, Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Heedless of the wind and weather, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

### Walk Around the Wards:

#### 20<sup>th</sup> century: Mary's Boy Child

Long time ago in Bethlehem so the holy bible says  
Mary's boy child Jesus Christ was born on Christmas Day  
Hark now hear the angels sing a new King born today  
And man will live forevermore because of Christmas Day

While shepherds watched their flocks by night  
they see a bright new shining star  
they hear a Choir sing a song  
the music seems to come from afar  
Trumpets sound and angels sing, listen to what they say  
that man will live forevermore because of Christmas Day

#### 19<sup>th</sup> century: Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!, All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child,  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!, Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ the Saviour is born!, Christ the Saviour is born

### 19<sup>th</sup> century: The First Nowell

The first Nowell the Angel did say  
Was to certain poor Shepherds in fields as they lay.  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
In a cold winters night that was so deep.  
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the East, beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued, both day and night.  
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

### Closing Carols:

#### 15<sup>th</sup> century: Gaudete

“Gaudete, Gaudete, Christus est Natus,  
Ex Maria Virgine, Gaudete”

1. Tempus ad est grat iae, Hoc quod op ta ba mus,  
Carmina lae ti tiae, Devote re damus,
2. Deus homo fact us est, Natura mi rante,  
Mundus reno vatus est, A Christo re gnante,

#### 17<sup>th</sup> century: My Sheep were Grazing

My sheep were grazing on a plain,  
When angels sang this glad refrain, Alleluia.....leluia,  
Joy! Joy! Joy! Joy! Joy! Joy!  
Glory to God in his high heaven,  
Glory to God in his high heaven

They sang "A Child was born this night,  
in Bethlehem 'neath starry light" Alleluia.....leluia,  
Joy! Joy! Joy! Joy! Joy! Joy!  
Glory to God in his high heaven,  
Glory to God in his high heaven

19<sup>th</sup> century: O Holy Night:

O holy night!, The stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth!  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth,  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

Chorus: Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices,  
Oh night divine, Oh night when Christ was born,  
Oh night divine, Oh night divine

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming,  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand,  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
Here came the wise men from Orient land,  
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,  
In all our trials born to be our friend.....Chorus: