

The Match Girl's Christmas

by Nick Perrin

Lyrics

Christmas Is Coming

Poor Children / Chorus Left

Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat!
Please put a penny in the old man's hat.
If you haven't got a penny a ha'penny will do.
If you haven't got a ha'penny then
God bless you!

Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat!
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Rich Children/ Chorus Right

Brightly shining Christmas star,
How I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.
Brightly shining Christmas star,
How I wonder what you are.

(repeat section as Poor Children & Chorus L. sing over)

Poor / Chorus Left

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Chorus Christmas is coming___!

Poor children Christmas is coming___!

Rich children Christmas is coming___!

O Little Town Of Bethlehem / Matches

Chorus

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in the dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

Match Girl

Matches! Buy my matches!
Matches! Buy my matches!
I'm freezing cold and starving.
They're only a penny a box...

Matches! Buy my matches!

Poor Children / Chorus Left

...Christmas is coming!

...Christmas is coming!

*Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat!
Please put a penny in the old man's hat.*

Rich Children / Chorus Right

*Brightly shining Christmas star,
How I wonder what you are.*

...Christmas is coming!

...Christmas is coming!

*Brightly shining Christmas star,
How I wonder what you are.*



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Rat, Tat, Rat-A-Ta-Tat

Chorus

Rat, tat, rat-a-ta-tat at my window shutters,
Knock! Knock! At my door.
Who's that tapping at my window shutters,
Knock! Knock! At my door?

Innkeeper 1

There's no use a-knocking, I've no room to spare
And I really do not care.

Chorus

There's no use a-knocking, he's no room to spare
And he really does not care.

But Joseph said:

Joseph Please will you help us?
We're tired and worn.
Have you a place where
Our child can be born?

Chorus

Rat, tat, rat-a-ta-tat... (etc.)

Innkeeper 2

There's no use a-knocking, not a single bed.
Should have called and booked ahead.

Chorus

There's no use a-knocking, not a single bed.
Should have called and booked ahead

But Joseph said:

Joseph Please will you help us?
(etc.)

Chorus

Rat, tat, rat-a-ta-tat... (etc.)

Innkeeper 3

I'm sorry to tell you I've no room to spare,
But I have a stable bare.

Chorus

He's sorry to tell you he's no room to spare,
But he has a stable bare.

And we all say:

Thank you for helping.
They're tired and worn.
Now they've a place where
Their child can be born.



While Shepherds Watched

Chorus

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the lord came down
And glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled minds.
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
To you and all mankind."

Star in the winter sky,
Shining so bright,
Guide us to Jesus
Born this Christmas night.

Angels

To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A saviour who is Christ the lord,
And this shall be the sign:

All except Shepherds

The heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands
And in a manger laid.

Star in the winter sky,
Shining so bright,
Guide us to Jesus
Born this Christmas night.

Please Will You Help Me?

Match Girl

Please will you help me?
I'm here in the snow.
I'm so tired and hungry,
There's no place I can go.
Can you hear me calling?
I beg you don't ignore me.
I'll wish you a merry Christmas,
From now to evermore.

Poor Children

Please will you help her?
She's here in the snow
She's so tired and hungry,
There's no place she can go.
Can you hear her calling?
We beg you don't ignore her.
She'll wish you a merry Christmas,
From now to evermore.

Poor Children

Matches, buy her matches!

Match girl

Matches, buy my matches!

Children 1-4

(spoken) Someone buy her matches...



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Three Kings Have Journeyed Far

Chorus

Three kings have journeyed far.
They're following a star.
It leads them onward, clear and bright,
Lighting up the darkest night.
Three kings have journeyed far,
They're following a star.

*See the gifts they bring!
Presents for a king,
Gold and frankincense and myrrh.
Following a star,
Travelling afar
Leads them to the holy baby.*

Kings

We've travelled from the east,
A thousand miles at least.
We've crossed the deserts, land and seas,
Searching for the prince of peace.
We've travelled from the east,
A thousand miles at least.

Chorus

See the gifts they bring ...(etc.)

Chorus

A child is born today.
A star lights up his way.
And soon they'll kneel to the infant king,
Offering the gifts they bring.
A child is born today.
A star lights up his way.

See the gifts they bring ...(etc.)

Baby Jesus

Mary

Baby Jesus born tonight,
Sleep safely and warm in the manger.
On this cold and wintery night
The starlight shines clear and bright.

Mary / Chorus

Baby Jesus, hush, don't cry.
Your friends make their way to the stable.
On this cold and wintery night
The starlight shines clear and bright.
Tiny baby, so small, so beautiful,
Close your eyes, sleep tight.

Song Medley - The Match Girl's Christmas

A. In the bleak midwinter

Chorus

In the bleak midwinter,
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Poor Children

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part;
What I can I give him: give my heart.

B. Please will you listen?

Match Girl

Please will you listen, I'm calling to you.
I've nothing to give but my love, it is true.
Please be near me Jesus,
I'm asking you to stay...
Be close by me forever
And love me I pray... I pray.
Love me, I pray.

C. Silent night

Chorus

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.

D. A bright new star

Angels

Now the star is shining.
The door is open wide.
All her friends are waiting there
To welcome her inside.

Chorus

Another angel's singing
High in heaven above.
She will live forever more
In joy and peace and love.

Star in the winter sky,
Shining so bright,
Guide us to Jesus
Born this Christmas night.

E. Heaven's door is open

Chorus

Heaven's door is open,
No chains to unlock!
Everyone is welcome.
There's no need to knock!
Let's all get together,
There's so much to do.
Christmas lasts forever
When there's love in you.

Happy Christmas!
(Open the door!)
Happy Christmas!
(Open your heart!)
Happy Christmas!
Open up now it's Christmas time!

It's a time for giving,
Time for us to share.
Time for everybody,
Time to show we care.
Let's all get together,
There's so much to do.
Christmas lasts forever
When there's love in you.

Happy Christmas! ...*(etc.)*

...It's Christmas time!

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