

# God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen!

*open G tuning*

$\text{♩} = 180$

Sheet music for the first four bars of the arrangement. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature is common time (4/4). The music consists of eighth-note chords and single notes. The guitar tab below shows the strings (T, A, B) and the frets (9, 7, 5, 0) for each note. The tab starts at bar 1.

9 9 7 5 7 5 0 5 4 5 5 7 9  
9 7 8 9 5 7 5 0 5 4 5 5 7 8 9

Sheet music for the fifth bar of the arrangement. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature is common time (4/4). The music consists of eighth-note chords and single notes. The guitar tab below shows the strings (T, A, B) and the frets (9, 7, 5, 0) for each note. The tab starts at bar 5.

9 9 7 5 7 5 0 5 4 5 5 7 9  
9 7 8 9 5 7 5 0 5 4 5 5 7 8 9

Sheet music for the ninth bar of the arrangement. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature is common time (4/4). The music consists of eighth-note chords and single notes. The guitar tab below shows the strings (T, A, B) and the frets (10, 9, 8, 10; 12, 13, 8, 7; 5, 6, 4, 2; 7, 7, 12, 10) for each note. The tab starts at bar 9.

10 9 8 10 12 13 8 7 5 6 4 2 7 7 12 10  
9 12 7 9 9 8 0 5 4 2 0 7 0 0

Sheet music for the 13th bar of the arrangement. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature is common time (4/4). The music consists of eighth-note chords and single notes. The guitar tab below shows the strings (T, A, B) and the frets (12, 0, 12; 10, 8, 8, 7; 2, 0, 2; 4, 5, 7, 7) for each note. The tab starts at bar 13.

13  
bar 7 - - -  
12 0 12 10 8 8 7 2 0 2 4 5 7 7  
0 7 0 0

1. God rest ye, merry gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
For Jesus Christ, our Saviour,  
Was born upon this day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray.

Refrain:  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy!

2. From God our heavenly Father  
A blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name. Refrain

3. 'Fear not,' then said the angel,  
'Let nothing you affright;  
This day is born a Saviour  
Of virtue, power and might,  
So frequently to vanquish all  
The friends of Satan quite.' Refrain

4. The shepherds at these tidings  
Rejoiced much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding  
In tempest, storm and wind,  
And went to Bethlehem straightway  
This blessed Babe to find. Refrain

5. But when to Bethlehem they came,  
Whereto this Infant lay,  
They found him in a manger  
Where oxen fed on hay;  
His mother Mary, kneeling,  
Unto the Lord did pray. Refrain

6. Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace.  
The holy tide of Christmas  
All others doth efface. Refrain