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CHRISTMAS

HANUKKAH

KWANZAA

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Angels We Have Heard On High

1. Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
 - o *Refrain:*
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Refrain
3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain

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 world the savior 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 glories of His righteousness

And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love

Oh Come All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

2. Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! [Refrain]

4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem.” With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem

2 Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die. Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the Incarnate Deity. Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel. Hark the Herald Angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.

3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,

Ris'n with healing in His wings:
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth;
Born to give them second birth. Hark the Herald Angels sing, Glory to the Newborn King.

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.

(in Spanish)

Noche de paz, noche de amor,
Todo duerme en derredor.
Entre sus astros que esparcen su luz
Bella anunciando al niño Jesús.
Brilla la estrella de paz,
Brilla la estrella de paz.

(in German)

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht
Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

Deck the Halls

*Deck the hall 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 Yuletide 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 Yuletide 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.*

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow In a one-horse open sleigh

O'er the fields we go Laughing all the way

Bells on bob tail ring Making spirits bright

What fun it is to ride and sing A sleighing song tonight! J

Jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way Oh, what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh,
hey! Jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way Oh, what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open
sleigh!

A day or two ago, I thought I'd take a ride

And soon, Miss Fanny Bright Was seated by my side

The horse was lean and lank Misfortune seemed his lot

He got into a drifted bank And then we got upsot

Jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way Oh, what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh,
hey! Jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way Oh, what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open
sleigh!

Now the ground is white Go it while you're young

Take the girls tonight And sing this sleighing song

Just get a bobtailed bay Two forty as his speed

Hitch him to an open sleigh And crack! You'll take the lead

Jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way Oh, what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh,
hey! Jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way Oh, what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open
sleigh!

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
In fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay tending their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

They lookèd 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.

Refrain

Jolly Old St. Nicholas

*Jolly Old Saint Nicholas,
Lean your ear this way!
Don't you tell a single soul
What I'm going to say;
Christmas Eve is coming soon;
Now you dear old man,*

*Whisper what you'll bring to me,
Tell me if you can.*

*When the clock is striking twelve,
When I'm fast asleep,
Down the chimney broad and black,
With your pack you'll creep;
All the stockings you will find
Hanging in a row;
Mine will be the shortest one,
You'll be sure to know.*

*Johnny wants a pair of skates;
Susy wants a sled;
Nellie wants a picture book
Yellow, blue, and red;
Now I think I'll leave to you
What to give the rest;
Choose for me, dear Santa Claus,
You will know the best.*

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father
Family all are we
Let me walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

Chanukah Candle Blessings

**Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam
Asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav,
v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir shel Chanukah.**

**Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam
Sheasah nisim lavoteinu
bayamim haheim bazman hazeh.**

**Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam
Shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu
v'higianu laz'man hazeh.**

Chanukah (Chag Yafeh)

**Chanukah, Chanukah, chag yafeh kol kach,
Or chaviv, m'saviv, gil l'yeled rach.
Chanukah, Chanukah, s'vivon sov sov,
Sov sov sov, sov sov sov, ma naim vatov!**

Mi Chamocha (Chanukah)

Mi chamocha baeilim Adonai

Mi kamocha ne'edar bakodesh

Nora t'hilot, oseh feleh?

Adonai yimloch l'olam va-ed.

Ma-oz Tzur

Ma-oz tzur y'shuati l'cha naeh l'shabeiach;

Tikon beit t'filati v'shamtodah n'zabeiach.

L'eit tachin matbeiach, mitzar ham'na beiach,

Az egmor b'shir mizmor

Chanukat hamizbeiach. (X2)

Rock of ages, let our song,

**Praise your saving power;
You amid the raging foes,
were our sheltering tower.
Furious they assailed us,
but your arm availed us.**

**And your word, broke their sword, when our
own strength failed us. (X2)**

Light One Candle

Light one candle for the Maccabee children

Give thanks that their light didn't die.

Light one candle for the pain they endured

When their right to exist was denied.

Light one candle for the terrible sacrifice

Justice and freedom demand

Light one candle for the wisdom to know

When the peace-maker's time is at hand.

Don't let the light go out,

it's lasted for so many years.

Don't let the light go out,

let it shine through our love and our tears.

Light one candle for the strength that we need

To never become our own foe.

Light one candle for those who are suffering
With the pain we learned so long ago.

Light one candle for all we believe in,
Let anger not tear us apart.

Light one candle to bind us together
With peace as the song in our heart.

(Back to Refrain) (3rd Verse on the Next Page)

("Light One Candle," continued)

What is the memory that's valued so highly
That we keep alive in that flame?

What's the commitment to those who've died

When we cry out, "They've not died in vain?"

We have come this far always believing

That justice will somehow prevail.

This is the burden and this is the promise

And this is why we will not fail.

(Back to Refrain)

Chanukah, O Chanukah

O Chanukah, O Chanukah,

Come light the menorah,

Let's have a party, we'll all dance the horah,

Gather 'round the table, we'll give you a treat,

Sivivon to play with and latkes to eat.

And while we are playing

The candles are burning low.

One for each night they shed a sweet light

to remind us of days long ago (X2)

S'vivon

**S'vivon, sov, sov, sov, Chanukah hu chag tov!
Chanukah hu chag tov! S'vivon, sov, sov, sov.
Chag simchah hu la'am neis gadol hayah sham!
Nes gadol hayah sham, chag simchah hu la'am.**

(Repeat chorus)

**Sovna sov, ko va cho, neis gadol hayah po!
Neis gadol hayah po, sovna sov, ko va cho.**

**Dreidel spin spin spin spin,
Chanukah welcome in!
Chanukah welcome in,
Little dreidel spin spin spin.
Festal lights now behold,
And be joyful young and old
And be joyful young and old,
As the miracle is told.**

Mi Y'maleil

Mi y'maleil g'vurot Yisrael? Otan mi yimneh?

Hein b'chol dor yakum hagibor goeil ha'am. (X2)

Sh'ma! Bayamim haheim bazman hazeh

Makabi moshia ufodeh.

Uvyameinu kol am Yisrael.

Yitacheid yakum l'higaeil.

I Have A Little Dreidel

I have a little dreidel, I made it out of clay,
And when it's dry and ready, Oh dreidel I shall play.

**Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, I made it out of clay,
And when it's dry and ready,
Oh dreidel I shall play.**

It has a lovely body, with legs so short and thin,
And when it's tired of spinning,
It drops and then I win.

My dreidel's always playful;
it loves to dance and spin.

A happy game of dreidel, come play, now let's begin.

Make up your own verses!

Not By Might – Not By Power

*Not by might and not by power, but by spirit alone,
shall we all live in peace!*

The children sing, the children dream, and their
tears may fall, but we'll hear them call,

And another song will rise.... Another song will
rise, another song.... will rise....

Ocho Kandelikas

Chanukah Linda sta aki,

Ocho candelas para mi.

(X2)

Una kandelika, dos kandelikas,

**tres kandelikas, kuarto kandelikas,
sintyu kandelikas, sezj kandelikas,
siete kandelikas,
Ocho candelas para mi!**

Muchas fiestas vo fazer,
Kon alegriyas I plazer.

(X2)

(Back to Refrain)

Los pastelikos vo kumer,
Kon almendrikas I la myel.

(X2)

(Back to Refrain)

Songs for Kwanzaa

A Kwanzaa Song

Artiste Lovely Hoffman
Album A Kwanzaa Song

Verse 1

It's a holiday
Come on celebrate
And Rejoice
IT'S KWANZAA
Pledging Unity
In our family
And community
IT'S KWANZAA
Because our legacy
Makes us so strong yeah
So let us come together
To celebrate this season of Kwanzaa

Chorus

It is Kwanzaa
It's time to celebrate
Nguzo Saba (Seven Principles)
On this day
We Got
Umoja (unity) Kujichagulia (self-determination)
Ujimma (collective work and responsibility)
Ujamaa (cooperative economics)
Nia (purpose) Kummba (creativity)
Imani (Faith)
That's what
That is what we need

Verse 2

We gather 'round today
To reflect upon our past
We've come so far
Remembering

All of those who came before us
On Kwanzaa
From Rosa to Malcolm
To Dr. King and Turner
From Dubois to Yaa Ashantewa
We honor you on Kwanzaa
Bridge
Night by night we Light a candle
As we reflect on what it means to love
We got the red for the blood and the black for us
And the green for the land
Yes for the Land

Seven Principles

Brothers & Sisters we have been blessed with a new day.
Smiled upon with another opportunity to better ourselves.
To strengthen our Families and support our community.
Recite if you will: NGUZO SABA The Seven Principles
UMOJA is UNITY And that's the way it should always be!
To build and maintain unity in the family, nation, and community, (As a people, we need to get together and share our blessings, that's the way it should always be!)
UMOJA is UNITY
KUJICHAGULIA is SELF-DETERMINATION YOU SEE
To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves
KUJICHAGULIA is SELF-DETERMINATION YOU SEE (I need freedom to define my own goals, so no one has to speak for me)
UJIMA - COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY To build and maintain our community, together Your worries mine. My worries yours, whatever! (Let's take responsibility for our past and what our future's gone be)
UJIMA - COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY
UJAMAA - COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS, "THAT MONEY MAN!" To build and maintain our own stores, our own shops, our own businesses, getting props. Sharing profits, feeling fine, I'll buy your goods, you buy mine (Believing people come before profits do. Power to the people, to the me... To the you) Power to the people, to the me, to the you)
UJAMAA - WE MUST UNDERSTAND "THAT MONEY MAN!"

To make our collective work the lifting and building of our community So our people can rise to their traditional greatness. (We are social beings and we must work together, "Our Hood")

but NIA – is PURPOSE SO IT'S ALL GOOD

KUUMBA – is CREATIVITY To do always as much as we can, in the way that we can So the community we inherit is more lovely then it began (Enhance the world, a flavor form you, a taste from you. A taste from me) KUUMBA is CREATIVITY

IMANI – is FAITH To believe with our heart in our people, in our parents & our teachers too and the righteousness of our struggle Believe in the power of you (Selectively honor our leaders. Forever encourage the young) with IMANI – with FAITH AFFIRMATIONS Who is going to have a positive day? Say, "Ashe!" Who is going to have a positive learning day? Say, "Ashe!" Who will respect themselves today? Say, "Ashe!" Who will respect their teachers today? Say, Ashe!" Who will smile today? Say, "still" Who will laugh to today? Say, "I" Who will love today? Say, "rise" Who will represent their people, this day? Say, "Ashe!"