

Come all you worthy gentlemen

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Sometimes known as the "Somerset Carol", this was collected from a Mr Rapsey of Bridgwater, Somerset. The carol had been a popular choice among the carol singers of the area.

The tune features in Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Fantasia on Christmas Carols" of 1912.

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Version: Lead sheet - treble with chords

Arrangement: Cecil James Sharp

Difficulty: easy

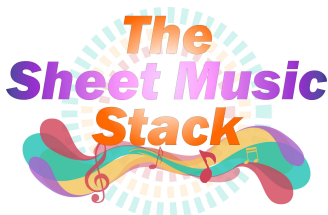
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D A7 D Bm D G Em A7
Come all you wor-thy gen - tle-men that may be stand-ing by,

5 *D Bm F#m D Bm F#m A7*
Christ our Bles - séd Sa - viour was born on Christ - mas Day. The

9 *Bm D C Am G Em A7 D Em*
Bles - séd Vir - gin Ma - ry Un - to the Lord did pray. O, we wish you the

14 *D Am D A7* 1. *D A7* 2. *D*
com - fort and ti - dings of joy. joy.

*Come all you worthy gentlemen
That may be standing by
Christ our Blesséd Saviour
Was born on Christmas day.
The Blesséd Virgin Mary
Unto the Lord did pray.
O, we wish you the comfort and tidings of joy!*

*Christ our Blesséd Saviour
Now in the manger lay -
He's lying in the manger
While the oxen feed on hay.
The Blesséd Virgin Mary
Unto the Lord did pray.
O, we wish you the comfort and tidings of joy!*

*God bless the ruler of this house,
And long on may he reign,
Many happy Christmases
He live to see again.
God bless our generation
Who live both far and near
And we wish them a happy, a happy New Year!*