

# *On Christmas night (Sussex carol)*

*Traditional arr. Kim Tame*

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*The words and tune were independently collected by Cecil J Sharpe and Ralph Vaughan Williams.*

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*Version: Lead sheet; melody with added chord symbols.*

*Difficulty: Easy*

*Arrangement: Kim Tame*

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*F Cm F Cm F B♭ F C7 F B♭*  
On Christ - mas night, all Chris. tians sing, to hear the news. the

6 *C7 F B♭ F C7 F B♭*  
an - gels bring; On Christ - mas night, all Chris. tianssing, to hear the news. the

10 *C7 F C7 C Gm C Gm*  
an - gels bring. News of great joy— news of— great mirth:—

15 *F B♭ F B♭ C7 F*  
News of our mer - ci - ful— King's birth.

*On Christmas night, all Christians sing  
To hear the news the angels bring;  
On Christmas night, all Christians sing  
To hear the news the angels bring.  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King's birth.*

*Then why should we on earth be so sad,  
When our redeemer made us glad?  
Then why should we on earth be so sad,  
When our redeemer made us glad?  
When from our sin he set us free,  
All for to gain our liberty.*

*When sin departs before his grace,  
Then life and health come in its place.  
When sin departs before his grace,  
Then life and health come in its place.  
Angels and we with joy may sing;  
All for to see the new-born King.*

*All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night.  
All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night.  
"Glory to God and peace to men,  
Now and for evermore, amen."*