

# *Come all you worthy gentlemen*

*Collected and arranged by Cecil James Sharp (1859-1924)*

*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: Vocal melody with piano accompaniment and added chord symbols.*

*Arrangement: Cecil James Sharp*

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*Allegretto* A7 G Em D A7 D Bm D G

Come all you worthy gentlemen that may be standing

6 Em A7 D Bm F#m D Bm F#m A7

by, Christ our Blessed Saviour was born on Christmas Day. The

11 Bm D C Am G Em A7 D Em

Blessed Virgin Mary Unto the Lord did pray. O, we wish you the

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*D Am D A7* *1. D A7* *2. D G A7 D*

com - fort and ti - dings of joy. joy.

*p mf*

The musical score is for a piece in D major, 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part includes dynamics like *p* and *mf*. The score is divided into two systems, each with a first and second ending. The lyrics are: '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!*