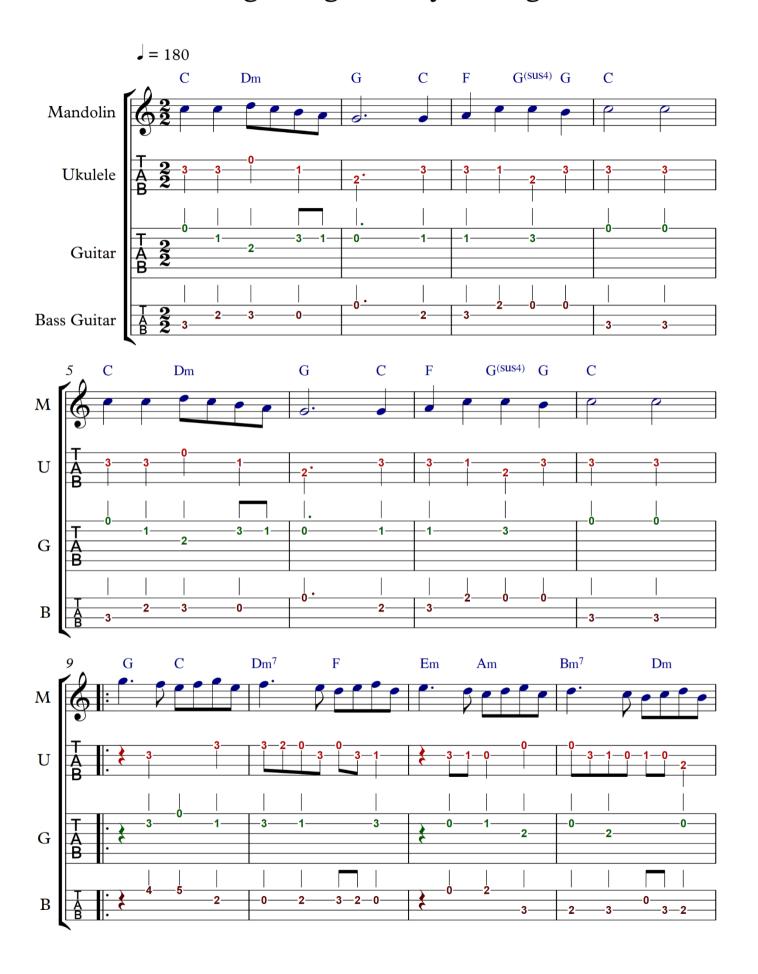
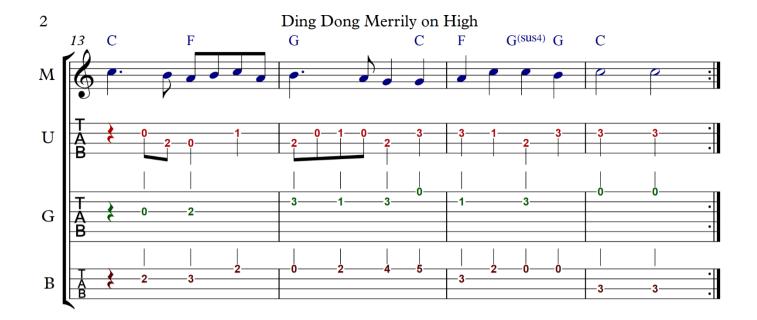


Traditional Christmas Tunes for Plucked String Ensemble

Ding Dong Merrily on High





1 Ding dong, merrily on high! In heav'n the bells are ringing; ding dong, verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing. Gloria, hosannah in excelsis! Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!

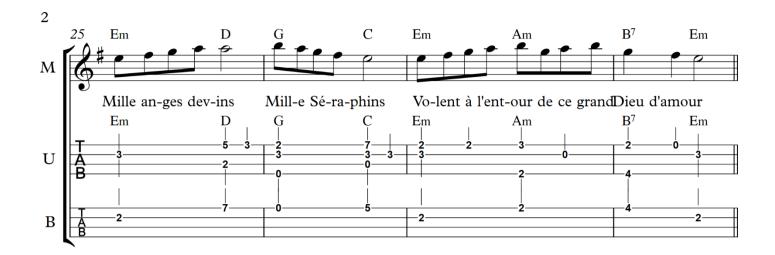
2 E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen, And io, io, io, by priest and people sungen. Gloria, hosannah in excelsis! Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!

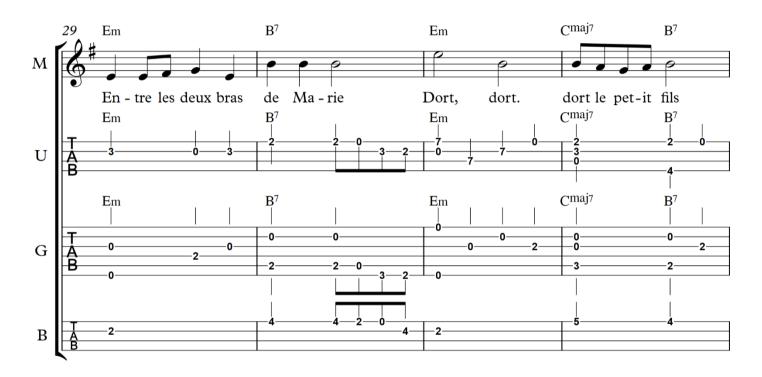
3 Pray ye dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers; may ye beautifully rhyme your evetime song, ye singers. Gloria, hosannah in excelsis! Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!

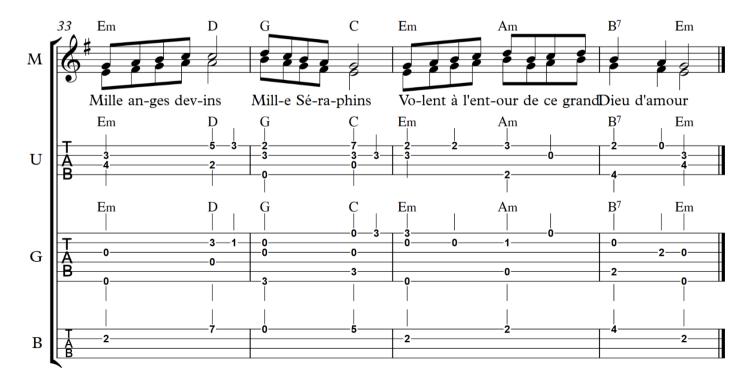
Entre le bœuf et l'âne gris

13th Century French Carol



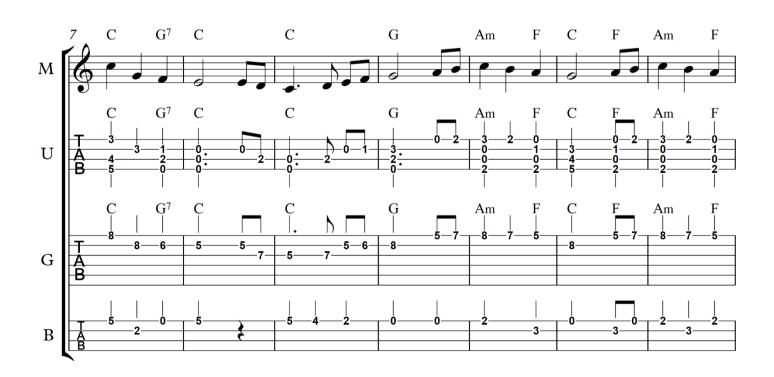






The First Noel

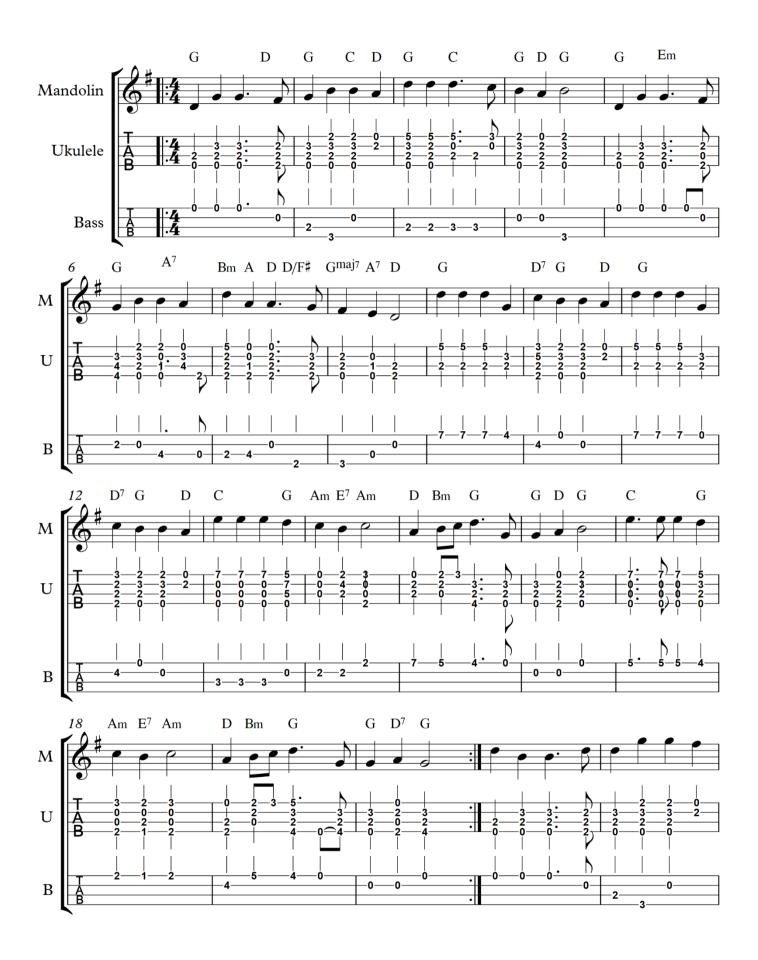
Traditional English 19th century arranged by ZAW C G C C G^7 Am Am Mandolin G Am G^7 Am Ukulele Guitar

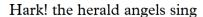




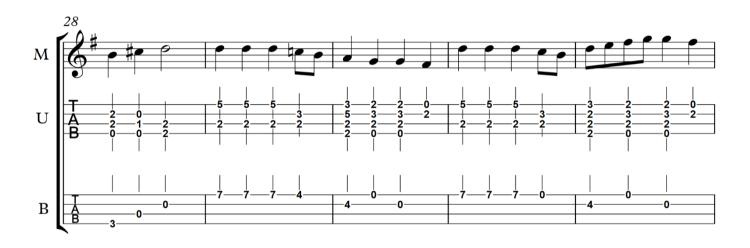
- 1 The first nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.
- 2 They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
- 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.
- 4 This star drew nigh to the north-west: o'er Bethlehem it took its rest; and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.
- 5 Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee, and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
- 6 Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord who hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood mankind hath bought.

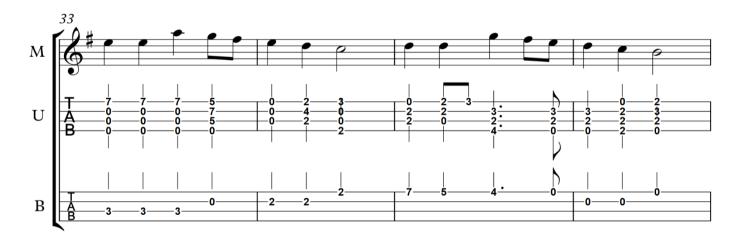
Hark! the herald angels sing

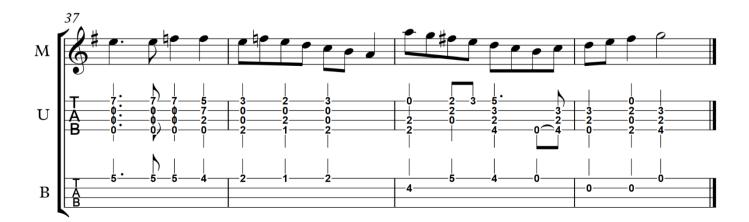




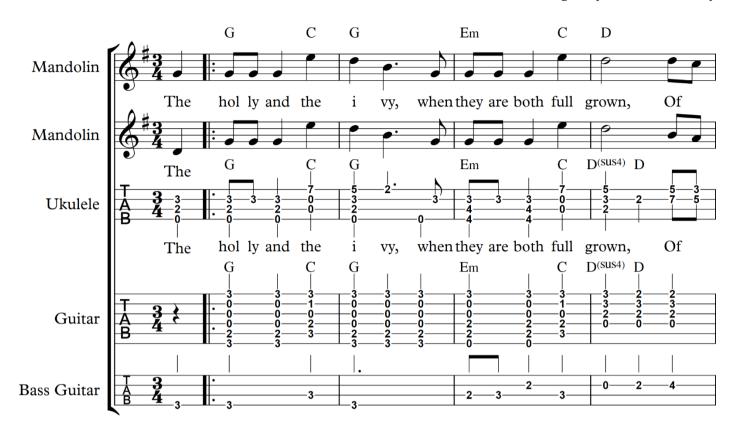


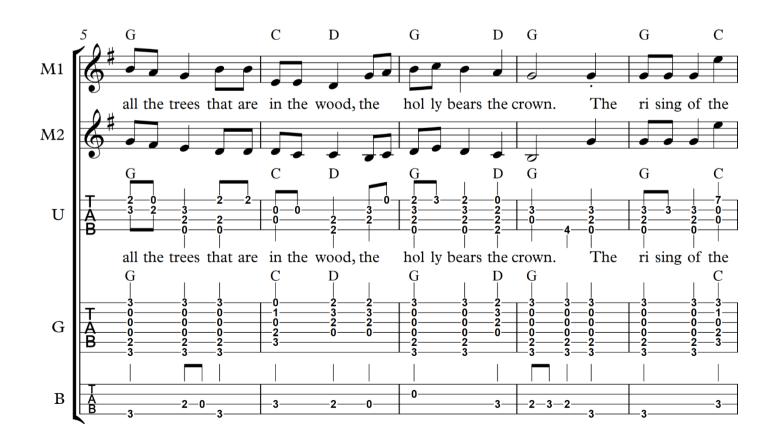


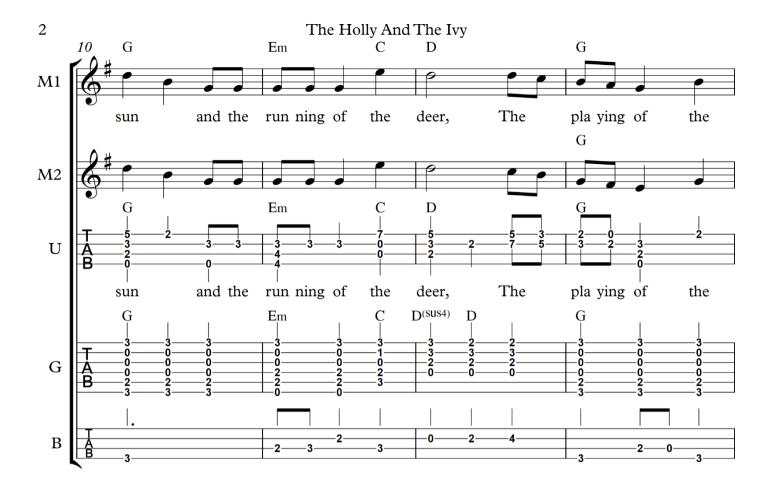


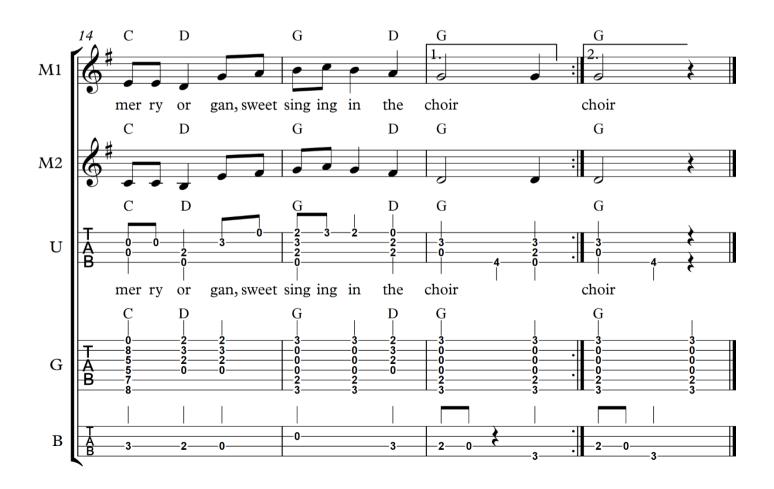


The Holly And The Ivy

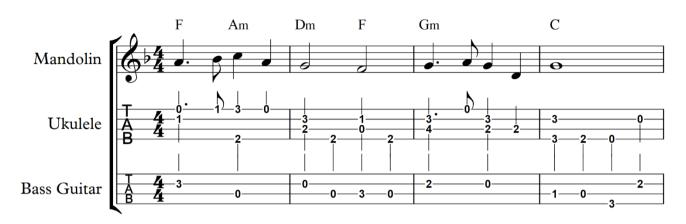


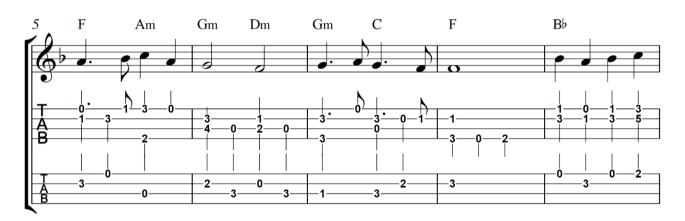


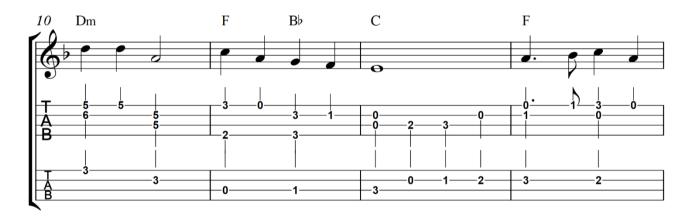


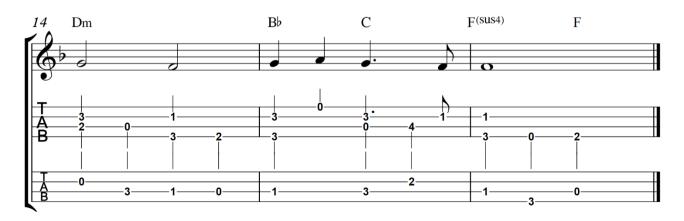


IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER









In the bleak midwinter
Frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron
Water like a stone
Snow had fallen
Snow on snow, snow on snow
In the bleak midwinter, long, long ago

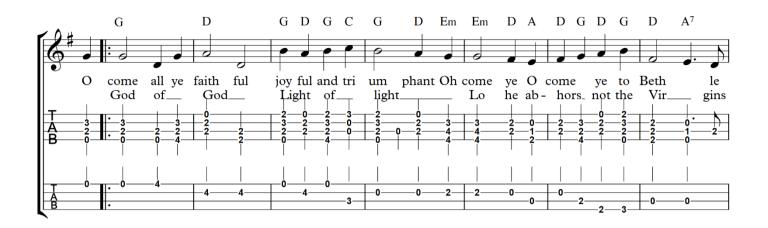
Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him Nor earth sustain Heaven and earth shall flee away When He comes to reign In the bleak mid-winter A stable-place sufficed Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ

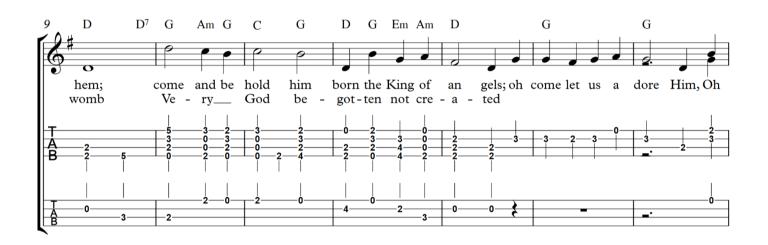
Enough for Him whom cherubim
Worship night and day
A breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay
Enough for Him whom angels fall down before
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore

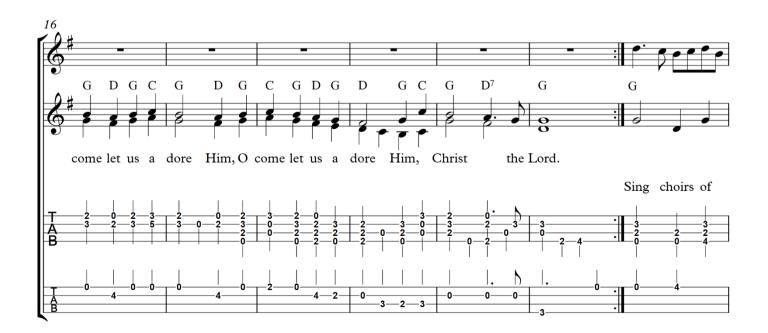
Angels and archangels may have gathered there Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air But only His mother in her maiden bliss Worshiped the Beloved With a kiss

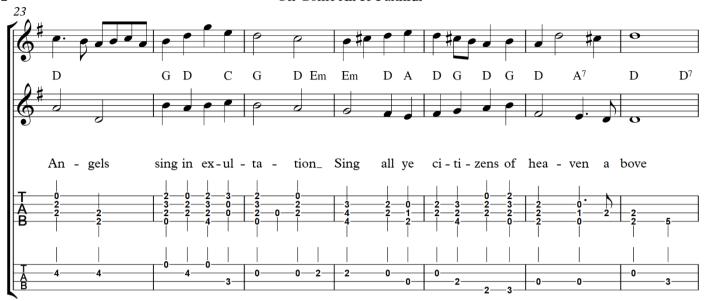
What can I give Him
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb
If I were a wise man, I would do my part
Yet what I can, I give Him
Give my heart

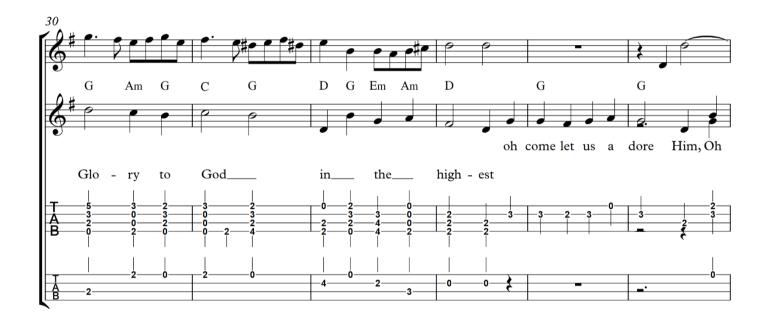
Oh Come All Ye Faithful

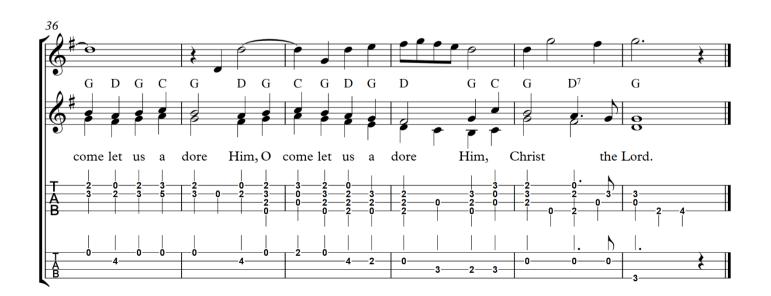




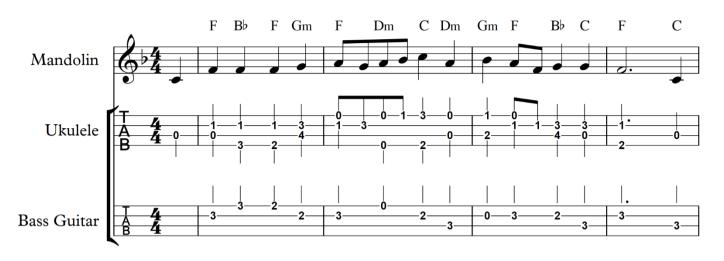


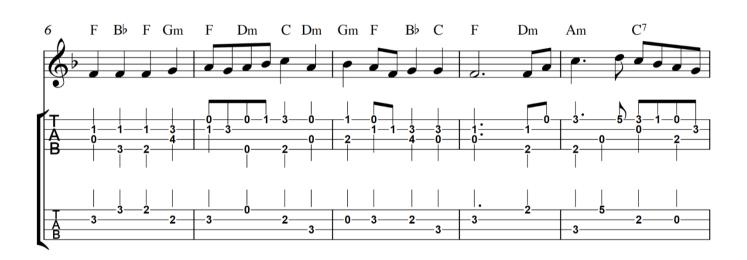


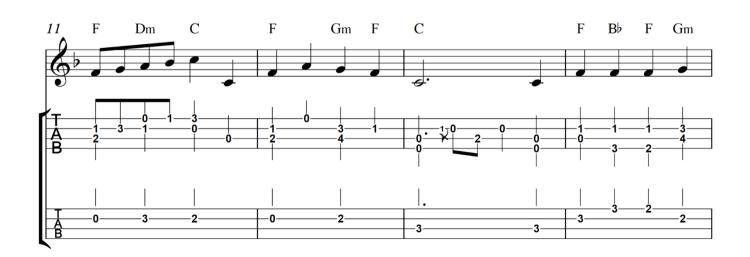




O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM







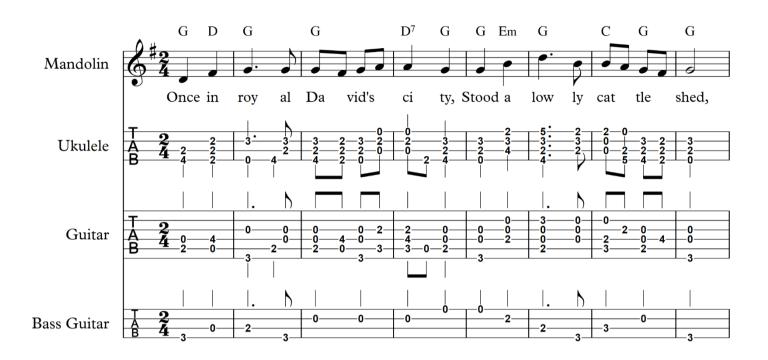
O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep_
The silent stars go by.
Yet in the dark streets shineth_
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years_
Are met in thee tonight.

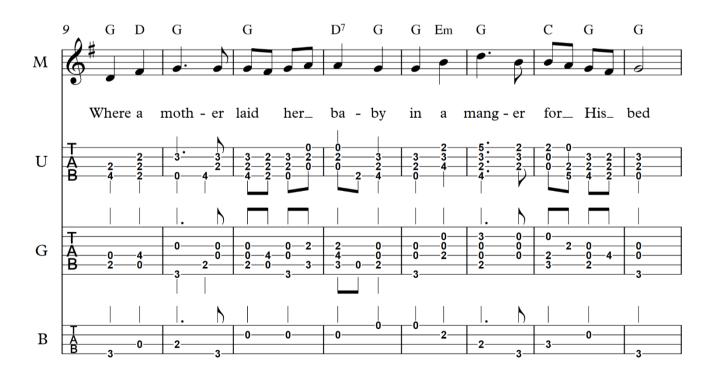
O morning stars together_
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep_
Their watch of wond'ring love.

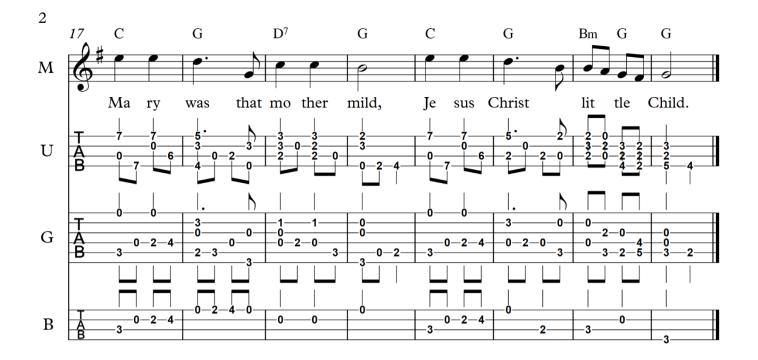
How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts_
The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still_
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels_
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Once in Royal David's City







Once in Royal David's city Stood lowly cattle shed Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed Mary was that mother's mild Jesus Christ, her little Child

He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all And His shelter was a stable And His cradle was a stall With the poor, and mean, and lowly Lived on earth, our Savior holy

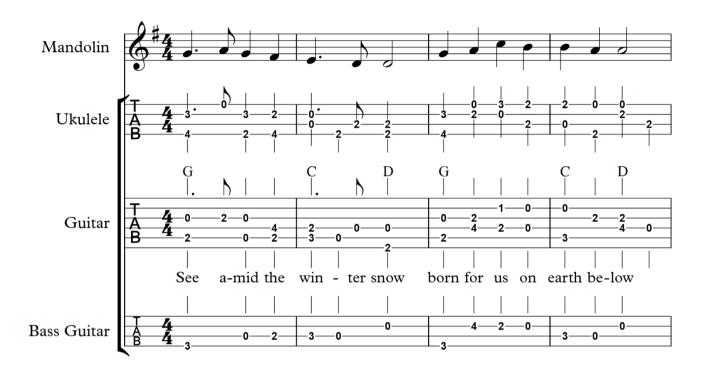
And through all His wonders childhood He would honour and obey Love and watch the lowly maiden In whose gentle arms he lay Christian children all must be Mild, obedient, good as He

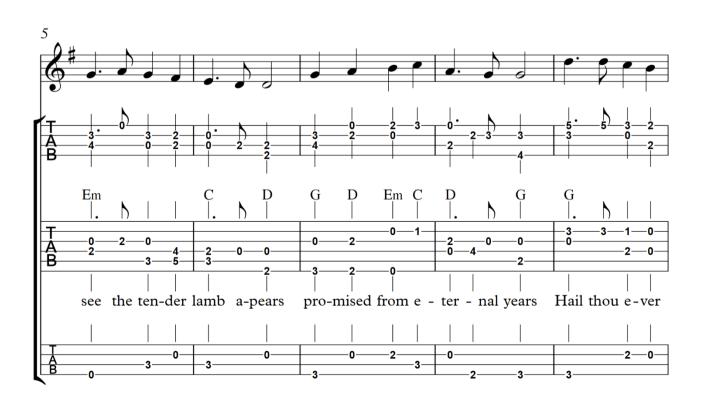
For He is our childhood's pattern Day by day, like us, He grew He was little, weak, and helpless Tears and smiles, like us He knew And He feeleth for our sadness And He shareth in our gladness

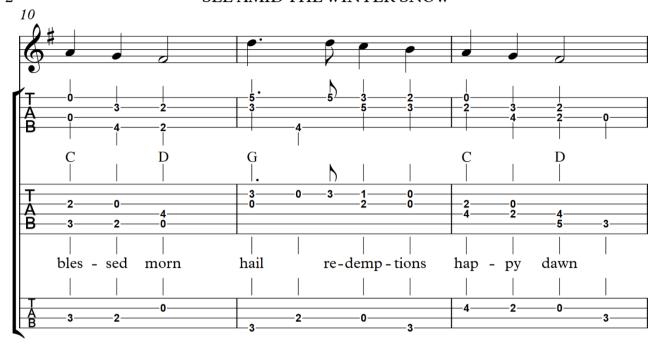
And our eyes at last shall see Him Through His own redeeming love For that Child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above And He leads His children on To the place where He is gone

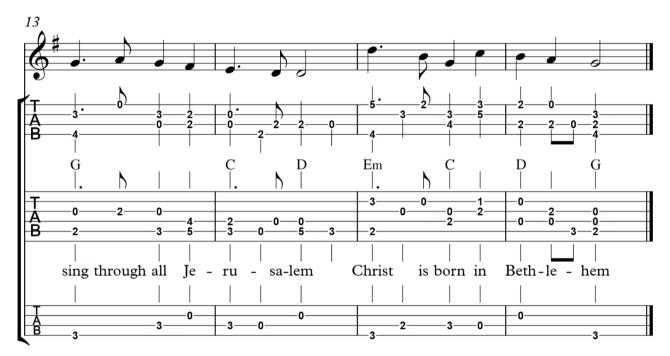
Not in that poor lowly stable With the oxen standing by We shall see Him but in heaven Set as God's right hand on high When like stars his children crowned All in white shall we around

SEE AMID THE WINTER SNOW









1. See amid the win ter's snow, born for us on earth below; see, the Lamb of God appears, promised from eternal years.

Hail, O everblessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

- 2. Lo, with in a manger lies he who built the starry skies, and who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim.
- 3. Say, now holy shepherds, say, tell your joyful news today; tell us why you left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep.
- 4. 'As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wondrous sight, angels, singing peace on earth, told us of the Saviour's birth?'
- 5. Sacred infant, all divine, of God's tender love the sign, for you came from highest bliss, down to such a world as this!

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