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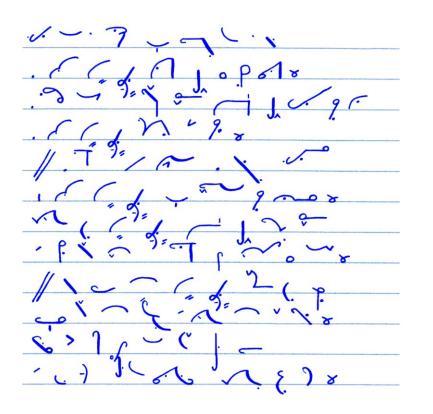
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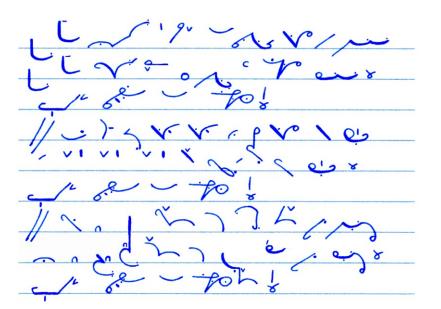
Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth; Ye, who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth: Come and worship, Come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding Watching o'er your flocks by night, God with man is now residing; Yonder shines the Infant-Light: Come and worship, Come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear, Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear Come and worship, Come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son, Evermore your voices raising To th'eternal Three in One. Come and worship, Come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.





Away In A Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes; I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray; Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And fit us for Heaven to live with Thee there.

Ding Dong Merrily On High

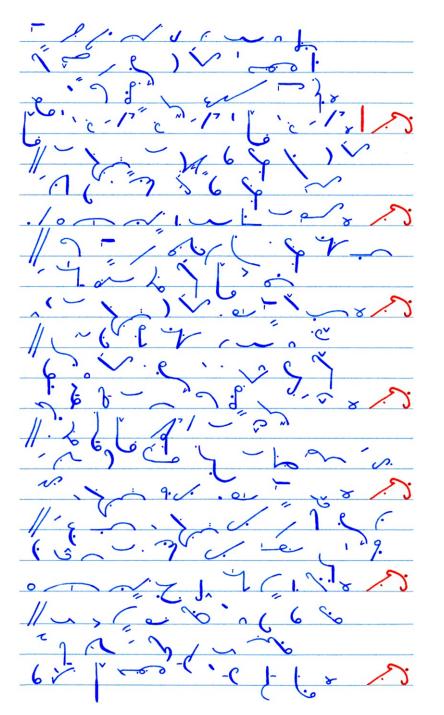
Ding dong! Merrily on high, In heav'n the bells are ringing: Ding dong! Verily the sky Is riv'n with angel singing. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, Let steeple bells be swungen, And "Io, io, io!*" By priest and people sungen. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime Your matin chime, ye ringers; May you beautifully* rime Your evetime song, ye singers. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

* "Io io io" Writing separate signs shows the exact sounds, although it could be equally well be written with a tick on the diphthong instead

* "dutifully" Written thus, and not halved, to distinguish "dutiful" and "doubtful"



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God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen Let nothing you dismay Remember Christ our Saviour Was born on Christmas day To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray.

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy O tidings of comfort and joy

In Bethlehem in Israel This blessèd Babe was born And laid within a manger Upon this blessèd morn The which His Mother Mary Did nothing take in scorn

Refrain

From God our Heavenly Father A blessèd Angel came; And unto certain Shepherds Brought tidings of the same: How that in Bethlehem was born The Son of God by Name.

Refrain

"Fear not then," said the Angel, "Let nothing you affright*, This day is born a Saviour Of a pure Virgin bright, To free all those who trust in Him From Satan's power and might."

Refrain

The shepherds at those* tidings Rejoicèd much in mind, And left their flocks a-feeding In tempest, storm and wind*: And went to Bethlehem straightway*The Son of God to find.

Refrain

And when they came to Bethlehem Where our dear Saviour lay, They found Him in a manger, Where oxen feed on hay; His Mother Mary kneeling down, Unto the Lord did pray.

Refrain

Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place, And with true love and brotherhood Each other now embrace; This holy tide of Christmas All other doth deface*.

Refrain

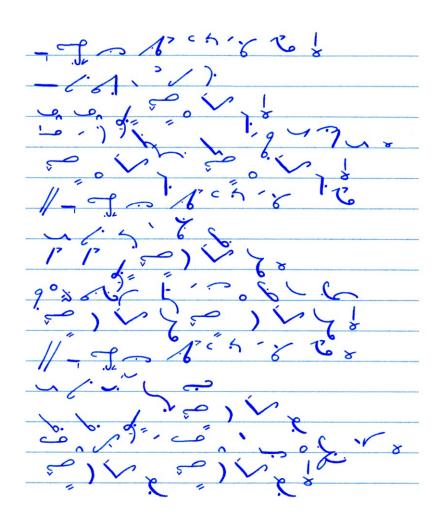
* "affright" The outline for "fright" uses a reversed Fr stroke

* "at those" – insert the vowel in "those", as "these" would also make sense.

* "wind" This word expects the poetic pronunciation to rhyme with "mind"

* "straightway" – this and "straightaway" are both in the dictionary as one outline. As you cannot indicate the absence of a vowel, "way" is here shown disjoined and on the line, in order to indicate its first vowel.

* "deface" is used in its archaic sense of "efface, outshine".



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Good Christian Men Rejoice

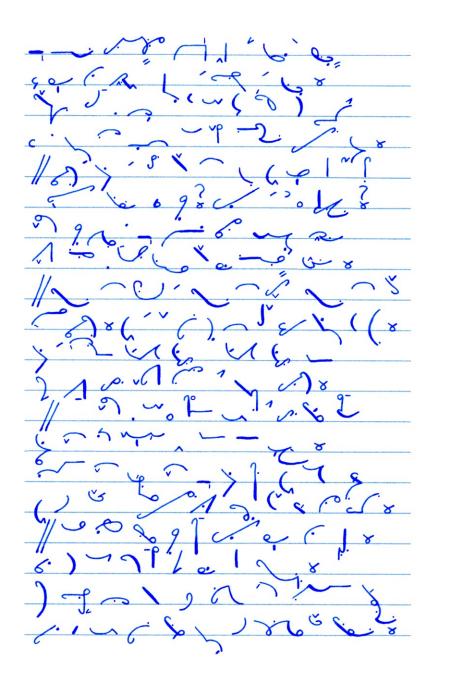
Good Christian men rejoice With heart and soul and voice! Give ye heed to what we say News! News! Jesus Christ is born today! Ox and ass before Him bow And He is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice With heart and soul and voice Now ye hear of endless* bliss Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this. He has opened* the heavenly door And man is blessed for evermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice With heart and soul and voice Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save Calls you one and calls you all To gain His everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

* "endless" Note the distinguishing outline for "needless" which has full N and D strokes

* "opened" You may come across the poetic version "op'ed"



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Good King Wenceslas Looked Out

Good King Wenceslas looked out On the feast of Stephen When the snow lay round about Deep and crisp and even. Brightly shone the moon that night Though the frost was cruel When a poor man came in sight Gath'ring* winter fuel.

"Hither, page, and stand by me If thou know'st* it, telling Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?" "Sire, he lives a good league hence Underneath the mountain Right against the forest fence By Saint Agnes' fountain."

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine Bring me pine logs hither Thou and I will see him dine When we bear them thither." Page and monarch forth they went Forth they went together Through the rude wind's wild lament And the bitter weather.

"Sire, the night is darker now And the wind blows stronger, Fails my heart, I know not how, I can go no longer." "Mark my footsteps, my good page Tread thou in them boldly, Thou shalt* find the winter's rage Freeze thy blood less coldly."

In his master's steps he trod Where the snow lay dinted Heat was in the very sod Which the Saint had printed Therefore, Christian men, be sure Wealth or rank possessing Ye who now will bless the poor Shall yourselves find blessing.

* "gath'ring" "know'st" The apostrophe was used in past times to signify omission of that syllable, to help the reader or singer

* "thou shalt" – the short form for "shalt" is the same as "shall", but is considered safe as it always follows "thou". Alternatively, you could use the historical full outline (no longer in dictionary) as shown in the vocabulary list on page 1.





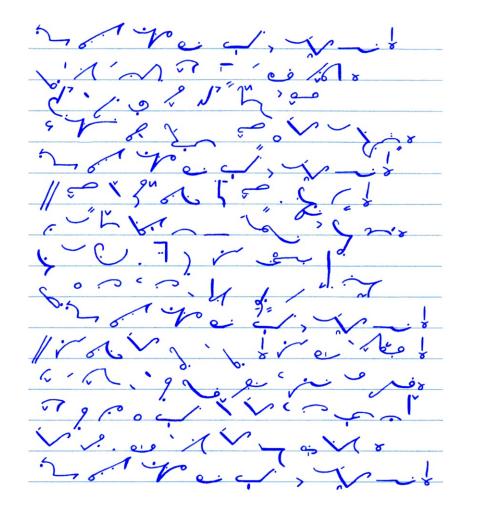
Hark! The* herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled" Joyful, all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies With the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"

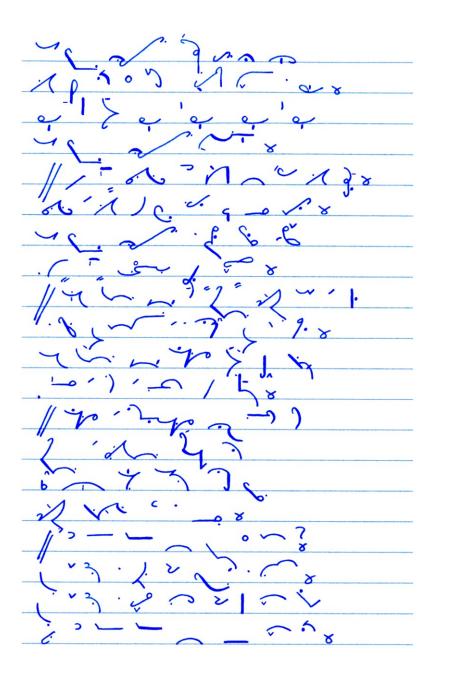
Christ by highest heav'n* adored Christ the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold Him come Offspring of a Virgin's womb Veiled in flesh the Godhead see Hail the incarnate Deity Pleased as man with man to dwell Jesus, our Emmanuel Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son 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!"

* "Hark! The ..." – tick "the" is used, as it is sung with the words run on with no pause. If it were not part of a song, a slight pause would be likely and then using "dot the" would be more appropriate

* "heav'n" "ris'n" The apostrophe was used in past times to signify omission of that syllable, to help the reader or singer





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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 ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, Nor earth sustain; Heaven and earth shall flee away When he comes to reign; In the bleak midwinter A stable place sufficed The Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom Cherubim Worship night and day A breast full of milk And a manger full 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 his mother only, In her maiden bliss, Worshipped the Belovèd With a kiss.

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

I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In

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I saw three ships come sailing in On Christmas day, on Christmas day; I saw three ships come sailing in On Christmas day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three, On Christmas day, on Christmas day? And what was in those ships all three, On Christmas day in the morning?

Our Saviour Christ and His Lady, On Christmas day, on Christmas day; Our Saviour Christ and His Lady, On Christmas day in the morning.

Pray whither sailed those ships all three, On Christmas day, on Christmas day? Pray whither sailed those ships all three, On Christmas day in the morning?

O they sailed into Bethlehem, On Christmas day, on Christmas day, O they sailed into Bethlehem, On Christmas day in the morning.

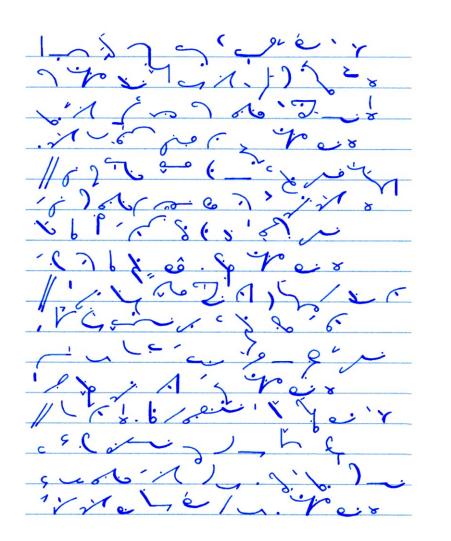
And all the bells on earth shall ring, On Christmas day, on Christmas day; And all the bells on earth shall ring, On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the angels in Heav'n shall sing, On Christmas day, on Christmas day; And all the angels in Heav'n shall sing, On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the souls on Earth shall sing, On Christmas day, on Christmas day; And all the souls on Earth shall sing, On Christmas day in the morning.

Then let us all rejoice, amain, On Christmas day, on Christmas day; Then let us all rejoice, amain*, On Christmas day in the morning.

* "amain" = archaic term = at full speed, with great haste



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It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, goodwill to men* From heaven's all gracious King!" The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

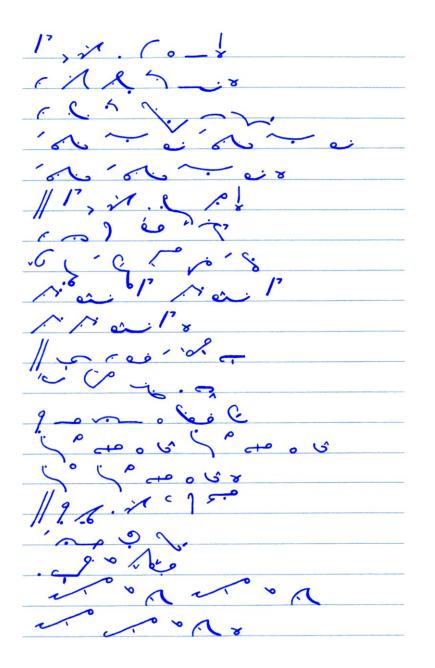
Still through the cloven skies they come, With peaceful wings unfurled; And still their heavenly music floats O'er all the weary world: Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hovering wing, And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessèd angels sing.

O ye beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low, Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow; Look now, for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing; O rest beside the weary road And hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on, By prophets seen of old, When with the ever-circling years Shall come the time foretold, When the new heaven and earth shall own* The Prince of Peace, their King, And the whole world send back the song Which now the angels sing.

* "men" Insert the vowel, as "man" would also make sense.

* "own" is used in its archaic sense of "acknowledge" (It retains this meaning in the verb "to own up")



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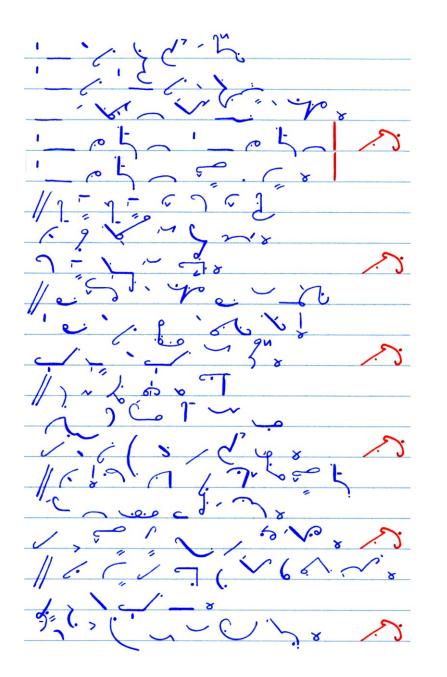
Joy To The World

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 Saviour 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.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

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.



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O Come All Ye Faithful

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.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb; Very God, Begotten, not created;

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, All glory in the highest;

Refrain

See how the shepherds, Summoned to His cradle, Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze; We too will thither Bend our joyful footsteps;

Refrain

Lo! Star led chieftains, Magi, Christ adoring, Offer Him incense, gold, and myrrh; We to the Christ Child Bring our hearts' oblations.

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be glory given; Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing.

Refrain





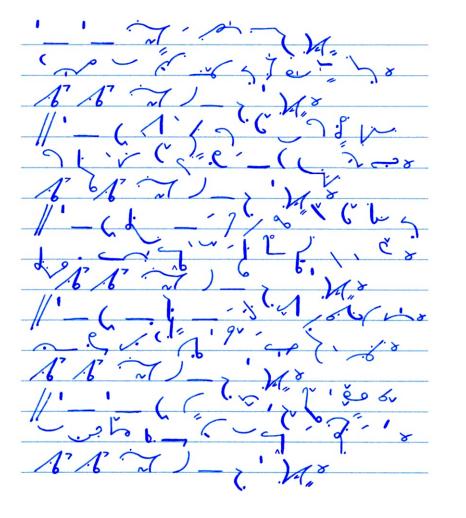
O come, O come, Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

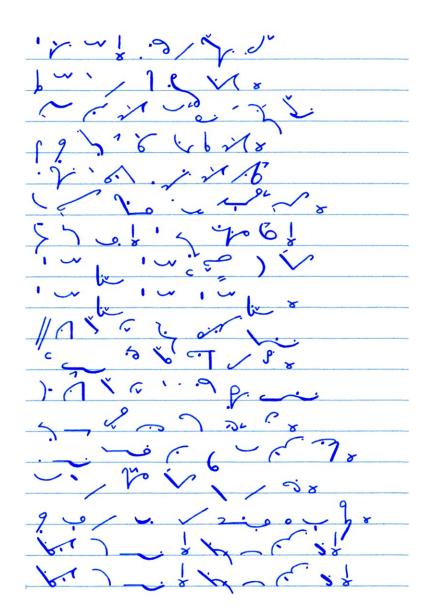
O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny From depths of Hell Thy people save And give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heavenly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height, In ancient times did'st give the Law, In cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.





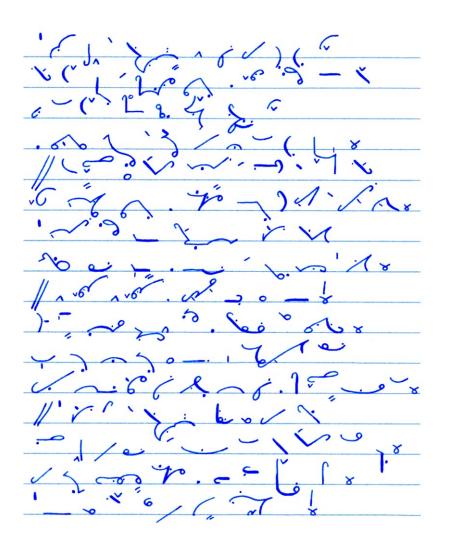
O Holy Night! The Stars Are Brightly Shining

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till He appear'd* and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! O, hear the angels' voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born; O night divine, O night, O night Divine.

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand. So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, Here come the wise men from Orient land. The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger; In all our trials born to be our friend. He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger, Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend! Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace. Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother*; And in His name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, Let all within us praise His holy name. Christ is the Lord! O praise His Name forever, His power and glory evermore proclaim. His power and glory evermore proclaim. * "appear'd" The apostrophe was used in past times to signify omission of that syllable, to help the reader or singer

* This unusual line may have been influenced by the anti-slavery movement in the early 1800s. The original French of Minuit Chretiéns was "Il voit un frère où n'était qu'un esclave = He (the Redeemer) sees a brother where there was only a slave" presumably referring to slavery to sin that Jesus came to release.



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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 thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary And gathered all above While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love. O morning stars together Proclaim the holy birth And praises sing to God the King And peace to men* on earth.

How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven. 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 .

* "men" Insert the vowel, as "man" would also make sense





Once in royal David's city, Stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her Baby, In a manger for His bed: Mary was that mother 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 Saviour holy.

And, through all His wondrous 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 cares when we are sad, And he shares when we are glad.

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 at God's right hand on high; Where like stars His children crowned All in white shall wait around.

* "at last" and "at least" Always insert the vowels in these

* "he is gone" Write "is" separately, because, if phrased, "he has" would also make sense





Ring Out Wild Bells

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light; The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow: The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind, For those* that here we see no more, Ring out the feud of rich and poor, Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause, And ancient forms of party strife; Ring in the nobler modes of life, With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care the sin, The faithless coldness of the times; Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes, But ring the fuller minstrel in.

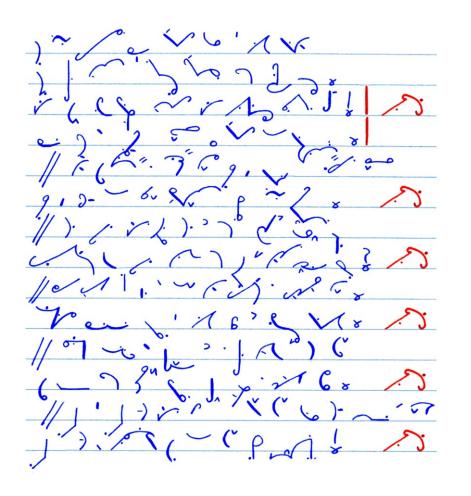
Ring out false pride in place and blood, The civic slander and the spite; Ring in the love of truth and right, Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease, Ring out the narrowing lust of gold; Ring out the thousand wars of old, Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free, The larger heart, the kindlier hand; Ring out the darkness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be.

* "for those" Insert the vowel in "those", as "these" would also make sense





See Amid The Winter's Snow

See amid the winter's snow, Born for us on earth below, See the tender Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years.

Refrain:

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Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies; He who throned in height sublime Sits amid the cherubim.

Refrain

Say, ye holy shepherds, say What your joyful news today; Wherefore have ye left your sheep On the lonely mountain steep?

Refrain

"As we watched at dead of night, Lo, we saw a wondrous light; Angels singing peace on earth Told us of the Saviour's birth".

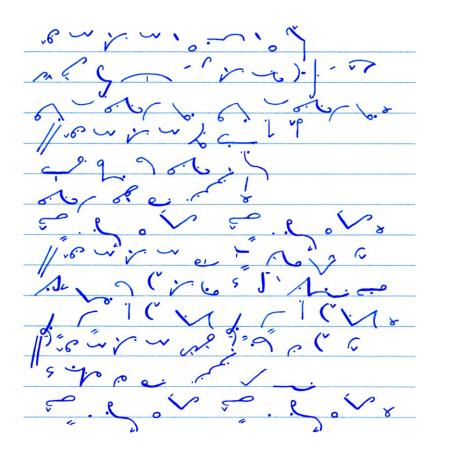
Refrain

Sacred infant, all divine, What a tender love was thine, Thus to come from highest bliss Down to such a world as this.

Refrain

Teach, O teach us , Holy Child, By Thy Face so meek and mild, Teach us to resemble Thee, In Thy Sweet humility!

Refrain



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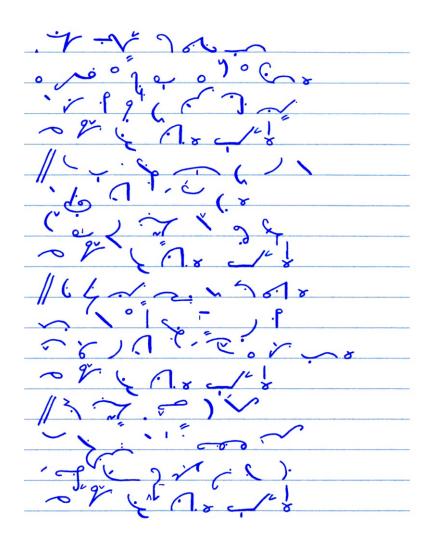
Silent Night Holy Night

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.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight Glories stream from heaven afar Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Saviour is born Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King; Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.



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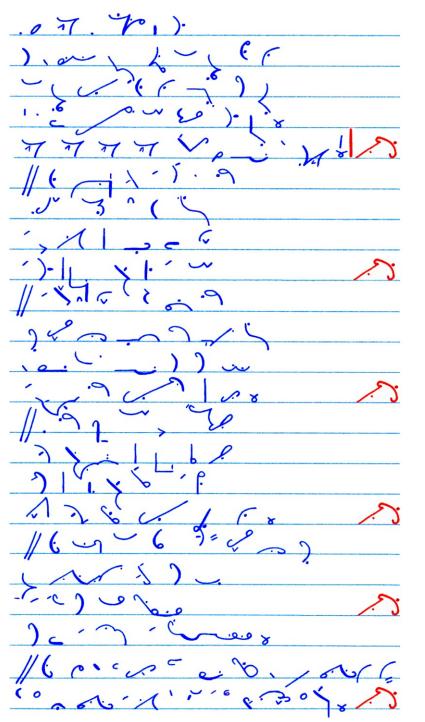
The angel Gabriel from Heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

"For know a blessèd mother thou shalt* be, All generations laud and honour thee, Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said, "My soul shall laud and magnify His holy Name." Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn, And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say— "Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

* "thou shalt" – the short form for "shalt" is the same as "shall", but is considered safe as it always follows "thou". Alternatively, you could use the historical full outline (no longer in dictionary) as shown in the vocabulary list on page 1.



The First Nowell

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The first Nowell the angels 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.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell 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

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.

Refrain

This star drew nigh to the northwest O'er Bethlehem it took its rest And there it did both pause and stay Right o'er the place where Jesus lay.

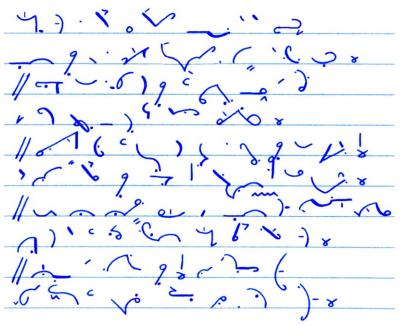
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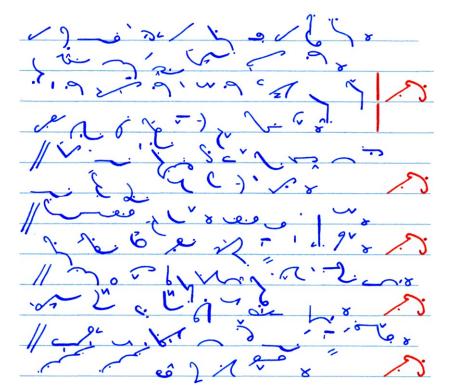
Then entered in those wise men three Full reverently upon their knee And offered there in His presence Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Refrain

Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heavenly Lord That has made Heaven and earth of nought And with his blood mankind has bought.

Refrain





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25 CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Unto Us A Boy Is Born

Unto us a Boy is born, King of all creation: Came He to a world forlorn, The Lord of every nation.

Cradled in a stall was He With sleepy cows and asses; But the very beasts could see That He all men surpasses.

Herod then with fear was filled: "A prince," he said, "in Jewry!" All the little boys he killed At Bethl'em* in his fury. Now may Mary's Son, who came So long ago to love us, Lead us all with hearts aflame Unto the joys above us.

Omega and Alpha He! Let the organ thunder, While the choir with peals of glee Rends the air asunder.

* "Bethl'em" Wavy underline differentiates this from the full "Bethlehem" which uses dot Hay (see vocabulary list on page 1)

We Three Kings Of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are Bearing gifts we traverse* afar, Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect Light.

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again, King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign.

Refrain

Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns* a Deity nigh. Prayer and praising voices raising, Worshipping God on high.

Refrain

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom. Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

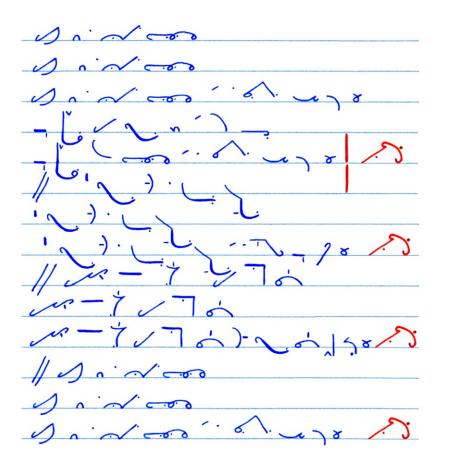
Refrain

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice. Alleluia, Alleluia Sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

* "traverse" Keep the R hook small, so it does not look like "travels"

* "own" is used in its archaic sense of "acknowledge" (It retains this meaning in the verb "to own up")



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We Wish You A Merry Christmas

We wish* you a Merry Christmas; We wish you a Merry Christmas; We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Refrain: Good tidings we bring to you and your kin; Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding; Oh, bring us a figgy pudding; Oh, bring us a figgy pudding and a cup of good cheer.

Refrain

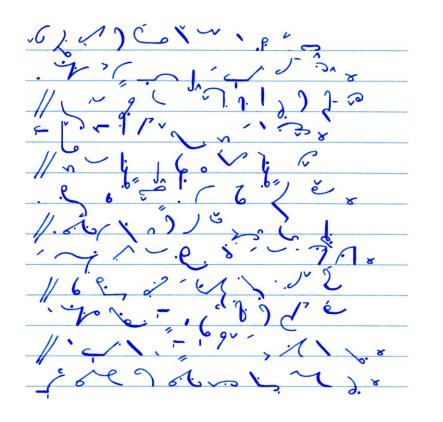
We won't go until we get some; We won't go until we get some; We won't go until we get some, so bring some out here.

Refrain

We wish you a Merry Christmas; We wish you a Merry Christmas; We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Refrain

* "We wish" You can differentiate between "we shall" and "we wish " by writing the Way stroke more shallowly for the latter, so that the Ish can go through the line for "wish"



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While shepherds watched their flocks by night All seated on the ground The angel of the Lord came down And glory shone around.

"Fear not," he said, for mighty dread Had seized their troubled minds, "Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind."

"To you in David's Town this day Is born of David's line The Saviour who is Christ the Lord And this shall be the sign."

"The heavenly Babe you there shall find To human view displayed And meanly wrapped in swathing bands And in a manger laid."

Thus spake* the seraph, and forthwith Appeared a shining throng Of angels praising God, who thus Addressed their joyful song

"All glory be to God on high And to the earth be peace; Goodwill henceforth* from heaven to men Begin and never cease!"

- * "spake" Archaic past tense, insert the vowel to distinguish it from "spoke"
- * "henceforth" Optional contraction