

**On Christmas night all Christians sing
(Sussex carol)**

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

2. Then why should men on earth be sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad:
Then why should we on earth be sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad:
When from our sin He set us free,
All for to gain our liberty.

3. When sin departs before Your grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
When sin departs before Your grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the newborn King.

4. 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 forevermore. Amen."

Luke Wadding (1684)
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1919)
Henry Ramsden Bramley & John Stainer (1878)
Cecil Sharp (1911)
Erik Routley's (1961)
David Willcocks (1963)
Philip Ledger (1986)