**SUGGESTED SONGS FOR HOLY FAMILY, YEAR C, 26 DECEMBER 2021**

**2. The First Nowell**

**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.**

**R. *Nowell, Nowell, Nowell Nowell,***

***Born is the King of Israel.***

**They looked above and there 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.**

**This Star drew near to the Northwest,**

**At length over Bethlehem it seemed to rest,**

**And there it stayed by night and by day,**

**Right over the place where Jesus lay.**

**Then let us all with one accord**

**Sing praises to our Heavenly Lord,**

**That made both Heaven and earth of nought,**

**And with his blood mankind has bought.**

**1****5. 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 giv'n!**

**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 sins and enter in,**

**Be born to us today.**

**We hear the Christmas angels**

**The great glad tidings tell:**

**Oh, come to us, abide with us,**

**Our Lord Emmanuel!**

**6. Silent 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.**

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**Silent night! Holy night!**

**Shepherds quake at the sight.**

**Glories stream from heaven afar.**

**Heav 'nly hosts sing Alleluia:**

**Christ the Saviour is born.**

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**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.**

**4. Joy to The World**

**Joy to the world! The Lord has come.**

**Let earth receive her King.**

**Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room.**

**And heav'n and nature sing,**

**and heav'n and nature sing.**

**And heav'n and heav'n 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.**

**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, and wonders of His love.**