Notes

These songs are all traditional Christmas carols adapted with New Thought lyrics. For the most part they follow traditional music that can be found in many, many resource books. We used The Reader’s Digest Merry Christmas Songbook that also includes fascinating and insightful annotations. These historical notes were sometimes taken into consideration when adapting the lyrics. There are two noted exceptions of the use of traditional music; there is a creative variation employed with Go Tell It On The Mountain and the song, One Drum, is loosely based and greatly varied from the traditional Pat-A-Pan. Other than those two songs, one should be able to scan these new lyrics into the other 10 songs using commonplace music found in resources like that of the Reader’s Digest.

For those looking for a fuller resource, we have CDs of these 12 songs + the instrumental only tracks on the same CD. These instrumental tracks can be used in church services or group sing-a-longs. The music has been artfully recorded by David Tralle of the Center For Music Medicine. We are most grateful for his angel presence in bringing these New Thought words to life through his beautiful rendition of these traditional tunes. Together, the music and words bring the empowering New Thought message into this light filled Christmas season of hope, joy, peace, and Love.

Though we also have lyric songbooks available, you are welcome to copy the lyric pages in this document for your own sing-a-longs in lieu of using our songbooks. We rejoice in you adding your voices to this message and to this joyous vibration of Love.

Thank you. Namaste.

Love & Blessings,
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New Thought
Christmas Carols
Lyrics C  Laurie Story Vela

1. God Bless Ye, Merry Families
   (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)

2. I Heard Three Angels (I Saw Three Ships)

3. Santa Lives (Up On The Housetop)

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11. One Drum (Variation Pat-A-Pan)

12. The 12 Thoughts of Christmas
   (The 12 Days of Christmas)
God Bless Ye, Merry Families (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)
New Lyrics on Verses, Original Chorus C 2006 Laurie Story Vela

God bless ye merry families, come gather 'round and pray. Remember, Christ our way-shower was born on Christmas day to show us how we all can live a peaceful, loving way ...

Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
Oh tidings of comfort and joy!

From lighted streets, with trays of sweets, we gather here to sing. We give our hugs and share our love, we all have gifts to bring. Hand in hand, we gather 'round, our voices sweetly ring ...

Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
Oh tidings of comfort and joy!

God bless ye merry families, come gather 'round and play. We celebrate the Christ in us, with joy, we say, “Hooray!” In a happy dance, we laugh & laugh, all cares just fade away ...

Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
Oh tidings of comfort and joy!

God bless ye merry families, come gather 'round and pray. Remember, Christ our way-shower was born on Christmas day to show us how we all can live a peaceful, loving way ...

Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
Oh tidings of comfort and joy!
(Repeat last line slowly)
Oh tidings of comfort and joy!
I heard three angels calling me
On Christmas day, On Christmas day
I heard three angels calling me
On Christmas day in the morning
And what was said by angels three
On Christmas day, On Christmas day
And what was said by angels three
On Christmas day in the morning
The first said never give up hope
On Christmas day, On Christmas day
The first said never give up hope
On Christmas day in the morning
And what was said by angels three
On Christmas day, On Christmas day
And what was said by angels three
On Christmas day in the morning
The second spoke of Love Divine
On Christmas day, On Christmas day
The second spoke of Love Divine
On Christmas day in the morning
And what was said by angels three
On Christmas day, On Christmas day
And what was said by angels three
On Christmas day in the morning
The Angel three breathed peace in me
On Christmas day, On Christmas day
The Angel three breathed peace in me
On Christmas day in the morning
Cont.
I heard three angels calling me
On Christmas day, On Christmas day
I heard three angels calling me
On Christmas day in the morning

Angel of joy was born in me
On Christmas day, On Christmas day
Angel of joy was born in me
On Christmas day in the morning!

I heard three angels calling me
On Christmas day, On Christmas day
I heard three angels calling me
On Christmas day in the morning
Santa Lives (Up On The Housetop) Lyrics C 2007 Laurie Story Vela

Up on the housetop of my mind
Santa lives in thoughts divine
Down through the chimney, I’m thinking toys.
It feels so fun, I’m full of Christmas joys!

Chorus:
Ho, ho, ho, I go with the flow
Ho, ho, ho Santa I know
lives in the magic of my mind
Down through the chimney, happy thoughts I find.

First comes the thought of toys and stuff
followed by the knowing I’m more than enough
I’m filled with hope and love and joy
and that makes me one happy boy!

Chorus

Look in the stocking of my mind,
it’s filled with the joys of being kind
I think Love and it’s understood
That it brings great joy and it feels so good!

Chorus
(Repeat Chorus and fade out ...)
What Child Is This? Lyrics C 2006 Laurie Story Vela

What child is this who lives in me
In my busy-ness lies sleeping
Whom angels greet, singing so sweet,
The truth of the child they’re keeping

Chorus:
This, this is consciousness
Christ Light awakening, shining bliss
This, this is consciousness
I wake up and I shine who I am.

Why do I hide the truth of me
In the darkness of my reality
I’ve only to greet this presence so sweet
The Christ light shines for all to be
Chorus

The Christ in me is the child I see
Dancing in the world with reverence and glee
In this season of light I embrace with delight
The song of me angels sing sweetly …
Chorus

What child is this who lives in me
I wake up and I shine who I am.
Away in a manger, no crib for a bed  
The little babe Jesus lay down his sweet head  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay  
The little babe Jesus asleep in the hay

Right here in my heart and my warm, cozy bed  
Like the Little babe Jesus, I lay down my sweet head  
The stars in the sky shine like my inner light  
Like the little babe Jesus, I’m shining so bright!

Away in a manger, the baby Jesus was born  
Under a bright sky on the first Christmas morn  
He lived his whole life shining bright as that star  
And he showed us that we too can shine where we are

Right here in our hearts and the thoughts in our mind  
Like the little babe Jesus, we can choose now to shine  
Bright stars in the sky on the darkest of nights  
Like the little babe Jesus, we can shine oh so bright!

Like the little babe Jesus, I shine my inner light ...
Go Tell It On The Mountain (Variation)

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born

Children see the baby Jesus in a humble manger born
Children see the baby Jesus here on Christmas morn
And they’ll tell it...

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born

Some children see the baby Jesus with his skin as lily white
Some children see the baby Jesus with ebony skin like night
Some see the baby bronze and brown,
Some see yellow or no color to be found ...
But all children who see the baby Jesus born
Have the Christ light shining in their eyes...
on Christmas morn. And they’ll tell it...

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born

Gonna tell it on the mountain, gonna shout it to the seas
Gonna spread it to my neighbors in all the cities
Gonna give it like medicine where there’s disease
Gonna love it and live it because I am free ...
the Christmas baby lives in me! And I’m gonna tell it ...

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born

Tell it Christmas morn... the baby, the baby, the baby is born!
On This Noel (The First Noel)  Lyrics C 2006 Laurie Story Vela

On this noel, the angels do pray
Peace on the planet starts with kind words we say
Look within our hearts, loving truth we will find
Let the Christ light illumine our hearts, hands and minds

Noel, let it shine, noel, let it shine
Born is the simple truth, we are divine

On this noel, the angels do say
Gather together in Oneness and pray
In hearts full of love, hand in hand, gathered ‘round
Lift our voices and sing of this truth we have found

Noel, let it shine, noel, let it shine
Born is the simple truth, we are divine

On this noel, the angels do pray
The joy is within us, let’s laugh and let’s play
In our happiness and joy, our truth is released
We are free in our kindness and feelings of peace

Noel, let it shine, noel, let it shine
Born is the simple truth, we are divine

Noel, noel, noel, noel
On this noel, we are all truly well
Voice Of Christmas (Deck The Halls) Lyrics on Lead Lines C 2006 Laurie Story Vela

Decorate my mind with Christmas
Fa la la la la la la la la
Let my thoughts be filled with kisses
Fa la la la la la la la la
Words of kindness spoken clearly
Fa la la la la la la la la
Gifts exchanged with those loved dearly
Fa la la la la la la la la

Yes we’re filled with joys of Christmas
Fa la la la la la la la la
Our hearts are overflowing, listen!
Fa la la la la la la la la
Happy singing, joyful voices
Fa la la la la la la la la
We are living peaceful choices
Fa la la la la la la la la

When the shopping lies before us
Fa la la la la la la la la
We turn within and sing our chorus
Fa la la la la la la la la
Meditating in long lines
Fa la la la la la la la la
In traffic jams, we still feel fine
Fa la la la la la la la la

If I feel some holiday stress,
Fa la la la la la la la la
Not enough this, that in excess
Fa la la la la la la la la
I’ll just listen for our voices
Fa la la la la la la la la
And remember joyful choices
Fa la la la la la la la la
Joyous Glory Angels Sing (Angels, We Have Heard On High)
Lyrics C 2007 Laurie Story Vela

Angels, we have heard you high
sweetly singing ‘round and ‘round
and we’ve heard mountains in reply
joining in your joyous sound

GL-O-RI-A Joyous glory angels sing
GL-O-RI-A Joyous glory angels bring

Angels we hear your Christmas call
sweetly singing to one and all
Just as shepherds heard you then
we can hear you now again

GL-O-RI-A Joyous glory angels sing
GL-O-RI-A Joyous glory angels bring

Angels we hear your beauty clear
Sweetly singing in our ear
with mountains and shepherds we sing along
In joy we echo angelic song

GL-O-RI-A Joyous glory angels sing
GL-O-RI-A Joyous glory angels bring
Here We Come A-Caroling  Lyrics C 2006 Laurie Story Vela

Here we come a-caroling all full of Christmas cheer
We sing the celebration of the season that is here ...

Love and Joy lives in you,
Lift your voice and sing it too!
We are blessed and receiving a happy New Year!
Thank you God for a happy new year!

We are friends and neighbors gathered singing at your door
Reminding you of all the joy that you have felt before ...

Love and Joy lives in you,
Lift your voice and sing it too!
We are blessed and receiving a happy New Year!
Thank you God for a happy new year!

God bless you now within your home and all your family there
In the corners of your house and heart, there is love to share

Love and Joy lives in you,
Lift your voice and sing it too!
We are blessed and receiving a happy New Year!
Thank you God for a happy new year!

This joy within your heart and home is filled with Love Divine
It circles 'round the world and it brings others peace of mind

Love and Joy lives in you,
Lift your voice and sing it too!
We are blessed and receiving a happy New Year!
Thank you God for a happy new year!

Thank you God for a happy new year!
One Drum (Pat-A-Pan - Variation)
Tune adapted from Pat-A-Pan - Lyrics & arrangement © 2005 Laurie Story

Children, listen to the fife,
and play your Christmas drums...
Play the heartbeat where you’re from,
1-2-3-4, play your Christmas drum!

Heartbeats calling from Mother Earth
Tell of the Christ child’s blessed birth.
Patapan, patapan, rum pum pum pum,
Come play your Christmas drum!

Come see the star, it’s shining bright
Feel this glorious season’s glistening light
The heart beats of the world patapan, rum pum pum pum
Shine in hearts wherever they’re from

Bismillah .... Ya Fattah
One beat, one drum
The heart beats of the world patapan
One beat, one drum
Om Shanti... Shanti Om
One beat, one drum
The heart beats of the world patapan
One beat, one drum
The world beats one drum

Oh Great Spirit, Earth, Sky & Sea ...
One beat, one drum
The heart beats of the world patapan
One beat, one drum
Shalom, aleicheim, aleicheim, Shalom...
One beat, one drum
The heart beats of the world patapan
One beat, one drum
Wherever you’re from, wherever you’re from,
the world beats one drum
The heart beats of the world patapan
the world beats one drum, the world beats one drum,
the world beats one drum
The 12 Thoughts of Christmas (The 12 Days Of Christmas)
Lyrics C 2006 Laurie Story Vela

For the first thought of Christmas, my true love gave to me... infinite possibilities ...

2nd 2 hearts united
3rd 3 Spirits dancing
4th 4 Directions Calling
5th 5 senses fully aware
6th 6 songs of joy
7th 7 seeds of peace
8th 8 acts of kindness
9th 9 open minds
10th 10 thoughts of change
11th 11 states of Grace
12th 12 worlds of love
The 12 Thoughts of Christmas (The 12 Days Of Christmas)
Lyrics C 2006 Laurie Story Vela

For the first thought of Christmas, my true love gave to me...
infinite possibilities ...

For the 2\textsuperscript{nd} thought of Christmas, my true love gave to me...
2 hearts united and infinite possibilities ...

For the 3\textsuperscript{rd} thought of Christmas, my true love gave to me...
3 Spirits dancing, 2 hearts united and infinite possibilities ...

For the 4\textsuperscript{th} thought of Christmas, my true love gave to me...
4 Directions Calling, 3 Spirits dancing, 2 hearts united and infinite possibilities ...

For the 5\textsuperscript{th} thought of Christmas, my true love gave to me...
5 senses fully aware ... 4 Directions Calling, 3 Spirits dancing, 2 hearts united and infinite possibilities ...

For the 6\textsuperscript{th} thought of Christmas, my true love gave to me...
6 songs of joy, 5 senses fully aware ... 4 Directions Calling, 3 Spirits dancing, 2 hearts united and infinite possibilities ...

For the 7\textsuperscript{th} thought of Christmas, my true love gave to me...
7 seeds of peace, 6 songs of joy, 5 senses fully aware ... 4 Directions Calling, 3 Spirits dancing, 2 hearts united and infinite possibilities ...

For the 8\textsuperscript{th} thought of Christmas, my true love gave to me...
8 acts of kindness, 7 seeds of peace, 6 songs of joy, 5 senses fully aware ... 4 Directions Calling, 3 Spirits dancing, 2 hearts united and infinite possibilities ...

For the 9\textsuperscript{th} thought of Christmas, my true love gave to me...
9 open minds, 8 acts of kindness, 7 seeds of peace, 6 songs of joy, 5 senses fully aware ... 4 Directions Calling, 3 Spirits dancing, 2 hearts united and infinite possibilities ...

For the 10\textsuperscript{th} thought of Christmas, my true love gave to me...
10 thoughts of change, 9 open minds, 8 acts of kindness, 7 seeds of peace, 6 songs of joy, 5 senses fully aware ...
4 Directions Calling, 3 Spirits dancing, 2 hearts united and infinite possibilities ...

For the 11th thought of Christmas, my true love gave to me...
11 states of Grace, 10 thoughts of change, 9 open minds, 8 acts of kindness, 7 seeds of peace, 6 songs of joy, 5 senses fully aware ...
4 Directions Calling, 3 Spirits dancing, 2 hearts united and infinite possibilities ...

For the 12th thought of Christmas, my true love gave to me...
12 worlds of love, 11 states of Grace, 10 thoughts of change, 9 open minds, 8 acts of kindness, 7 seeds of peace, 6 songs of joy, 5 senses fully aware ...
4 Directions Calling, 3 Spirits dancing, 2 hearts united and infinite possibilities ...