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From the Quinlan Road recording *Mid Winter Nights Dream*

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen (Abdelli version)

Music arranged and adapted by Loreena McKennitt

Lyric: Traditional English (18th cent)

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 powers
When we were gone astray.

O tidings of comfort and joy,
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"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 pow'rs and might"

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind
And went to Bethlehem straightaway
This blessed babe to find

But when to Bethlehem they came
Whereat this infant lay
They found him in a manger
Where oxen feed on hay
His mother Mary kneeling
Unto the Lord did pray

Now to the Lord sing praises
All you within this place

And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace
The holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface

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