Good Christian Men, Rejoice

🎵 sing along



1 Listen and sing.

VERSE 1

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!

VERSE 2

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 *hath* ope'd the heavenly **door**,

And man is blessed evermore.

Christ was born for this!

Christ was born for this!

2 Look at these words from the song.

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soul

She sings with heart and soul.

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bow

People bow to the king.

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bliss

Bliss means great happiness.

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door

The door is open.

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✏️ listen and write: easy

1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

born | bow | heart | manger | news | rejoice | say | voice

VERSE 1

Good Christian men, _____

With _____ and soul and _____;

Give *ye* heed to what we _____:

_____! News!

Jesus Christ is _____ today;

Ox and ass before Him _____,

And He is in the _____ now.

Christ is born today!

Christ is born today!

2 Look and write.



I have good _____.



My _____ is happy.



I lost my _____.



The baby is _____.

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✏️ listen and write: harder



1 Listen and fill in the song.

VERSE 1

Good Christian men, _____

With heart and _____ and voice;

Give *ye* _____ to what we say:

_____! News!

Jesus Christ is born _____;

Ox and ass before Him _____,

And He is in the _____ now.

Christ is born today!

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VERSE 2

Good Christian men, rejoice

With heart and soul and voice;

Now *ye* hear of _____ bliss:

_____! Joy!

Jesus Christ was born for this!

He *hath* ope'd the _____ door,

And man is _____ evermore.

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2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG

1	Give ye heed	☐
2	endless bliss	☐
3	He hath ope'd	☐
4	evermore	☐
5	before Him bow	☐

TODAY

A	bend down in front of Him
B	He opened.
C	forever
D	happiness with no end
E	Listen carefully.

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💬 from the song to real life

1 Read. Cover one side and say the other.

✋ COVER AND REMEMBER

IN THE SONG		YOU CAN SAY TODAY
1	📰 News! News!	Listen up, I have news!
2	❤️ With heart and soul	I did it with heart and soul.
3	👂 to what we say	Listen to what I say.
4	🏖️ endless bliss	This vacation is pure bliss.
5	👶 is born today	The baby was born today!

2 And you? Write two true sentences.

I have news: … . I love … with all my heart.

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📖 the story behind the song

1 Read the story of this song.

This is the English version of a medieval song, **In dulci jubilo**. **John Mason Neale** wrote these words in **1853**.

He also wrote Good King Wenceslas. Some songbooks today use the title **Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**, so that the song includes everyone.

2 Who is in the song? Read and say.



Jesus

Jesus is the baby in the manger.



the ox and the donkey

The ox and the donkey bow to the baby.



the news

The news is good.



the door

The door of heaven is open.

3 From the Bible. Read, then read the simple version.

🕯️ LUKE 2:12 (KING JAMES VERSION)

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

In simple words: You will find the baby in a manger. That is the sign.

4 Fill in the sentences.

1 The song is very _____.

2 John Mason Neale wrote these _____.

3 The baby is lying in a _____.

4 "Rejoice" means be _____.