



Do you have a favorite Christmas carol/song?

The answer to this question is like the answer to questions like, "What is your favorite Bible verse?" or "Which is your favorite book in the Bible?" I have lots of favorites. Which one I put at the top depends on the day - and what's going on that day. That means my answer tomorrow could be different than my answer today.

So, here (in no certain order) are a few that - given the day - could end up being my answer:

) "What Child is This"

(My favorite tune from when I was a child)

) "Joy to the World"

(The perfect way to end of a Christmas Program)

) "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

(As sung by the Charlie Brown kids)

) "What a Wonderful Beginning"

(As sung by Kathy Mattea)

) "Good King Wenceslas"

(Great tune, plus Wenceslas reminds me of Jesus)

) "Ding Dong Merrily on High"

(As sung by Roger Whitaker - what a voice!)

) "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

(Great tune, plus my favorite title for Jesus)

) "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

(Great words in vv3-4)

) "Silent Night"

(I really like Mercy Me's upbeat version)

) "O Holy Night"

(Great tune that sets the perfect tone for Candlelight Service)

As of this moment, if I had to pick just one I'd choose "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" - even if it's not sung by the Charlie Brown kids! It's an amazing song in how it combines a joy-filled tune with words describing who Jesus is and the difference He makes for us: e.g. "God and sinners reconciled!"

I'm sure I'm missing some songs, so please don't ask "Don't you like ____?" There are only two that, when they come on the radio, I can't change the station fast enough: "Feliz Navidad" and "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer!"

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

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