

# Come, all friends, and keep the Feast

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1. Come, all friends, and keep the Feast, From the high-est to the least; Young and old, and rich and poor,

7 *A little slower*  
O-pen stands the Church' s door; One and all, with joy and mirth, Join to keep the Sa-viour's Birth.

*A little slower*

13 *Tempo* *Repeat Chorus* §  
No - el, No - el, good news we tell; Christ is born, No - el, No - el, No - el!

§ *Tempo* §

2. Hark! the merry Christmas chime  
Welcomes in the blessed time;  
And the organ's mighty strain  
Rattles every window-pane,  
While the roof and rafters ring  
With the people's carolling.  
CHORUS. Noel, Noel, etc.

3. On the holy altar's shrine  
Christmas tapers gleam and shine;  
High on arch and chancel screen  
Hang the Christmas garlands green;  
Christmas banners as they wave  
Bear the chorus down the nave:  
CHORUS. Noel, Noel, etc.

4. Earth may smile with sunshine bright,  
Wintry snow lie cold and white;  
Lowering clouds may pour their rain,  
Bleak winds howl across the plain—  
Cloud or sunshine, calm or storm,  
Christmas joy all hearths must warm.  
CHORUS. Noel, Noel, etc.

(Source: Carols old and carols new, Boston, 1916)