

Fun Facts about Christmas Carols and Classic Christmas Songs

1. While we associate “Jingle Bells” with Christmas, the song was written to celebrate Thanksgiving.
2. The first Christmas song to mention Santa Claus was Benjamin Hanby’s “Up On The Housetop”. Written in 1864, the song was a version inspired by Clement Moore’s 1823 poem “A Visit from Saint Nicholas”.
3. “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” is one of the oldest Christmas hymns to still get airplay. It was originally composed in Latin around the 9th century.
4. “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” and “Joy to the World” are two of the oldest English language Christmas carols, originating in the 1700s.
5. “Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer” was written by Johnny Marks, who was Jewish.
6. “Silent Night” was declared an intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO in 2011.

Tongue Twisters:

Bobby brings bright bells.

Santa’s sleigh slides on slick snow.

How many deer would a reindeer reign if a reindeer could reign deer?