

# The Match Girl's Christmas

by Nick Perrin

## Lyrics

### Christmas Is Coming

#### Poor Children / Chorus Left

Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat!  
Please put a penny in the old man's hat.  
If you haven't got a penny a ha'penny will do.  
If you haven't got a ha'penny then

God bless you!

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#### Rich Children/ Chorus Right

Brightly shining Christmas star,  
How I wonder what you are.  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky.  
Brightly shining Christmas star,  
How I wonder what you are.

*(repeat section as Poor Children & Chorus L. sing over)*

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**Chorus** Christmas is coming\_\_\_!

**Poor children** Christmas is coming\_\_\_!

**Rich children** Christmas is coming\_\_\_!

### O Little Town Of Bethlehem / Matches

#### Chorus

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie.  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in the dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

#### Match Girl

Matches! Buy my matches!  
Matches! Buy my matches!  
I'm freezing cold and starving.  
They're only a penny a box...

Matches! Buy my matches!

#### Poor Children / Chorus Left

*...Christmas is coming!*

*...Christmas is coming!*

*Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat!*

*Please put a penny in the old man's hat.*

#### Rich Children / Chorus Right

*Brightly shining Christmas star,  
How I wonder what you are.*

*...Christmas is coming!*

*...Christmas is coming!*

*Brightly shining Christmas star,*

*How I wonder what you are.*



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## Rat, Tat, Rat-A-Ta-Tat

### **Chorus**

Rat, tat, rat-a-ta-tat at my window shutters,  
Knock! Knock! At my door.  
Who's that tapping at my window shutters,  
Knock! Knock! At my door?

### **Innkeeper 1**

There's no use a-knocking, I've no room to spare  
And I really do not care.

### **Chorus**

There's no use a-knocking, he's no room to spare  
And he really does not care.

But Joseph said:

**Joseph** Please will you help us?  
We're tired and worn.  
Have you a place where  
Our child can be born?

### **Chorus**

Rat, tat, rat-a-ta-tat... (etc.)

### **Innkeeper 2**

There's no use a-knocking, not a single bed.  
Should have called and booked ahead.

### **Chorus**

There's no use a-knocking, not a single bed.  
Should have called and booked ahead

But Joseph said:

**Joseph** Please will you help us?  
(etc.)

### **Chorus**

Rat, tat, rat-a-ta-tat... (etc.)

### **Innkeeper 3**

I'm sorry to tell you I've no room to spare,  
But I have a stable bare.

### **Chorus**

He's sorry to tell you he's no room to spare,  
But he has a stable bare.

And we all say:

Thank you for helping.  
They're tired and worn.  
Now they've a place where  
Their child can be born.



## While shepherds watched

### **Chorus**

While shepherds watched their flocks by night  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the lord came down  
And glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled minds.  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring,  
To you and all mankind."

Star in the winter sky,  
Shining so bright,  
Guide us to Jesus  
Born this Christmas night.

### **Angels**

To you in David's town this day  
Is born of David's line  
A saviour who is Christ the lord,  
And this shall be the sign:

### **All except Shepherds**

The heavenly babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands  
And in a manger laid.

Star in the winter sky,  
Shining so bright,  
Guide us to Jesus  
Born this Christmas night.

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## Please will you help me?

### **Match Girl**

Please will you help me?  
I'm here in the snow.  
I'm so tired and hungry,  
There's no place I can go.  
Can you hear me calling?  
I beg you don't ignore me.  
I'll wish you a merry Christmas,  
From now to evermore.

### **Poor Children**

Please will you help her?  
She's here in the snow  
She's so tired and hungry,  
There's no place she can go.  
Can you hear her calling?  
We beg you don't ignore her.  
She'll wish you a merry Christmas,  
From now to evermore.

### **Poor Children**

Matches, buy her matches!

### **Match girl**

Matches, buy my matches!

### **Children 1-4**

(spoken) Someone buy her matches...



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## Three kings have journeyed far

### **Chorus**

Three kings have journeyed far.  
They're following a star.  
It leads them onward, clear and bright,  
Lighting up the darkest night.  
Three kings have journeyed far,  
They're following a star.

*See the gifts they bring!*

*Presents for a king,*

*Gold and frankincense and myrrh.*

*Following a star,*

*Travelling afar*

*Leads them to the holy baby.*

### **Kings**

We've travelled from the east,  
A thousand miles at least.  
We've crossed the deserts, land and seas,  
Searching for the prince of peace.  
We've travelled from the east,  
A thousand miles at least.

### **Chorus**

*See the gifts they bring ...(etc.)*

### **Chorus**

A child is born today.  
A star lights up his way.  
And soon they'll kneel to the infant king,  
Offering the gifts they bring.  
A child is born today.  
A star lights up his way.

*See the gifts they bring ...(etc.)*

## Baby Jesus

### **Mary**

Baby Jesus born tonight,  
Sleep safely and warm in the manger.  
On this cold and wintery night  
The starlight shines clear and bright.

### **Mary / Chorus**

Baby Jesus, hush, don't cry.  
Your friends make their way to the stable.  
On this cold and wintery night  
The starlight shines clear and bright.  
Tiny baby, so small, so beautiful,  
Close your eyes, sleep tight.

## Song Medley - The Match Girl's Christmas

### A. In the bleak midwinter

#### Chorus

In the bleak midwinter,  
Frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

#### Poor Children

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man I would do my part;  
What I can I give him: give my heart.

### B. Please will you listen?

#### Match Girl

Please will you listen, I'm calling to you.  
I've nothing to give but my love, it is true.  
Please be near me Jesus,  
I'm asking you to stay...  
Be close by me forever  
And love me I pray... I pray.  
Love me, I pray.

### C. Silent night

#### Chorus

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

### D. A bright new star

#### Angels

Now the star is shining.  
The door is open wide.  
All her friends are waiting there  
To welcome her inside.

#### Chorus

Another angel's singing  
High in heaven above.  
She will live forever more  
In joy and peace and love.

Star in the winter sky,  
Shining so bright,  
Guide us to Jesus  
Born this Christmas night.

### E. Heaven's door is open

#### Chorus

Heaven's door is open,  
No chains to unlock!  
Everyone is welcome.  
There's no need to knock!  
Let's all get together,  
There's so much to do.  
Christmas lasts forever  
When there's love in you.

Happy Christmas!  
(Open the door!)  
Happy Christmas!  
(Open your heart!)  
Happy Christmas!  
Open up now it's Christmas time!

It's a time for giving,  
Time for us to share.  
Time for everybody,  
Time to show we care.  
Let's all get together,  
There's so much to do.  
Christmas lasts forever  
When there's love in you.

Happy Christmas! ...*(etc.)*

...It's Christmas time!

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