

Noël nouvelet!

16th-century French

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1. Christ - mas news to - day: Of Christ - mas sing we here!
 2. When I woke up from Of slum - ber dull and drear,
 3. When I saw the flower, my heart was filled with cheer,
 4. One small bird stopped sing - ing, speak - ing in the ear
 5. Ma - ry mild and Jo - seph in a — barn aus - tere

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Give your thanks to God, good peo - ple — far and near.
 There a tree in God, bloom be - fore me — did ap - pear.
 For the blos - som shone with ra - diancy great and clear,
 Of the near - by shep - herds, "Leave and — go from here,
 Were in Beth - le - hem, the ox and — don - key near;

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To the new king, we Christ - mas songs con - vey.
 Red was the bud, I saw the tree dis - play.
 Like at the dawn the first morn - ing ray.
 To Beth - le - hem, the sun's first morn - ing ray.
 With - out a cra - dle, Je - sus Lamb to pay."
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6. Brightening the day, a star did then appear,
And I saw it move across the hemisphere.
To Bethlehem it showed the Kings the way.
Christmas news today: Of Christmas sing we here!

7. Gold and myrrh they carried, Jesus to revere;
Also incense, scenting all the atmosphere,
Making it smell like I think Heaven may.
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8. Forty days the nursemaid did the baby rear.
Then to Simeon, who'd waited many a year,
They took the baby and two doves to pray.
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9. When he saw the baby, Simeon with a tear
Cried out, "Oh my God, here is my Savior dear,
Now he has come to show us all the way!"
Christmas news today: Of Christmas sing we here!

10. As I stood amazed, a voice came loud and clear:
"Write down in this book all that you see and hear."
These words the voice unto a priest did say.
Christmas news today: Of Christmas sing we here!

11. Then the priest said, "Brother, is your heart sincere?
If you will believe, in Heaven you'll find cheer.
If you do not, you'll on Hell's gallows sway."
Christmas news today: Of Christmas sing we here!

12. Here has come my Savior; now my God draws near.
He is bringing glory to the earthly sphere.
Only a month does Christmastime hold sway.
Christmas news today: Of Christmas sing we here!

13. Christmastime holds sway for one month of the year,
And twelve Christmas verses bring this song's end near.
Twelve days of Christmas: Twelve verses has my lay.
Christmas news today: Of Christmas sing we here!