COVID CAROLS

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SiNG! THE CENTER FOR CONGREGATIONAL SONG
THE 12 DAYS OF COVID

By Mary Rose Jensen

Tune: “The Twelve Days of Christmas”

On the first day of COVID, my true love said to me,
“There’s a case in the county on TV”

On the second day of COVID, my true love said to me,
“It’s all from travel.”

On the third day of COVID, my true love said to me,
“Just wash hands.”

On the fourth day of COVID, my true love said to me,
“No need to worry.”

On the fifth day of COVID, my true love said to me,
“Run to the store.”

On the sixth day of COVID, my true love said to me,
“Keep social distance.”

On the seventh day of COVID, my true love said to me,
“School’s out for summer.”

On the eighth day of COVID, my true love said to me,
“Wear mask and goggles.”

On the ninth day of COVID, my true love said to me,
“Worship is canceled.”

On the tenth day of COVID, my true love said to me,
“Tests hard to come by.”

On the eleventh day of COVID, my true love said to me,
“Liquor stores open.”

On the twelfth day of COVID, my true love said to me,
“Thousands are dying.”

An Introvert’s Carol

By Mary Louise Bringle

Tune: “Let It Snow”

While conditions outside are frightful,
social distance seems delightful.
So, if you must stay at home:
Sim shalom, sim shalom, sim shalom.*

While anxiety’s multiplying,
life is wasted spent in sighing.
As you struggle to stay in place,
live with grace, live with grace, live with grace.


*Sim Shalom (Hebrew: שים שלום; “Grant Peace”) is a blessing that is recited at the end of various Jewish prayer services.
A COVID PSALM 51

By Paul Richardson

_Tune: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”_

Stay home, all you faithful, prudent and protected.
Stay home now, stay home now, wherever you are;
six feet between you, sharing peace verbally.

Stay home and wash your hands;
stay home and wash your hands;
stay home and wash your hands
(and clean your hearts).

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TIDING OF BOREDOM AND WOE

By Brian Hehn

Tune: “God Rest You Merry Gentlemen”

God rest you merry gentlefolk, for what else can we do?
There’s hardly even toilet paper so that we can poo.
The stores are closed and children home from school until who knows...

Oh tidings of boredom and woe,
boredom and woe.
Oh tidings of boredom and woe.

We’ve played our board games eighty times, and watched all that we can.
We even drove around to nowhere in our minivan.
So now we’re singing to you people who I’m sure are fans.

Oh tidings of boredom and woe,
boredom and woe.
Oh tidings of boredom and woe.

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Our God Can Span the Distance

By Leah Krenek
Tune: “In the Bleak Midwinter”

When the virus started
People panicked, scared,
Flocked in groves to grocery stores
Feeling unprepared
Hoarded toilet paper rolls-roll on roll-
Instead of simply going home.
Panic took its toll.

Keep your social distance-
Space that separates-
Listen to insistence:
Stay within your gates.
Keep in touch in touchless ways
Facebook, Skype, or zoom
Or good, old-fashioned phone calls
Made within your room.

Our God can span the distance,
Be with us in grief,
offer us assistance
Till we find relief.
So when you feel lonely, anxious, sad, or scared
Christ said ”I'll be with you,”
Light and Love declared.

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Oh Little Towns of Covid Land

By Susan and Rudy Hehn

Tune: “Oh Little Town of Bethlehem”

Oh little towns in Covid land
How still we see thee lie
Thy residents are quarantined
They do not want to die
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
A temporary light
The sanitizing crews at work
Spray Lysol through the night

Oh little towns in Covid land
Stay clean and pure we pray
Keep practicing your distancing
It keeps disease at bay
Remember some are hurting
And need your loving care
Give them a hug like Christ would do
If only through the air

How valiantly, how valiantly
The healthcare workers strive
To save all those who have Covid
And keep them all alive.
We all can pray together
For those who need God’s hand
To give relief from all the grief
Throughout this Covid land.

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A TINY THING WE CANNOT SEE

By: Rae E Whitney

Tune: “O Little town of Bethlehem”

A tiny thing we cannot see
or taste or feel or hear,
has shut down nearly half our world
and brought distress and fear.
We’ve read about the plagues of old:
now _a virus gone astray
has caused much sickness, death and grief,
with new reports each day.

But many helpers brave this plague
and serve those most in need,
and offer comfort, help and care
through many a word and deed.
We thank our true and gallant ones
who risk their lives to bring
relief and help to sickened folk
touched by that tiny thing.

Yet there are other tiny things
to cheer each anxious heart,
a smile, a wave, a caring note,
though we must stay apart;
a phone call, email, face book, skype,
can curb anxiety,
while faith and hope and love abound
to keep our spirits free.

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We’ll Be Easter People

By Wess Robotham
*Tune: “Sing We Now of Christmas”*

Keep your social distance
Or shelter in place
Stay in isolation
Pleased don’t share your space

Refrain:
COVID-19, Keeps us in quarantine
Keep your social distance
Or shelter in place

This virus is catching
All our schools have closed
We’re working remotely
And feeling enclosed (Refrain)

Although we feel anxious
We know Christ arose
By his resurrection
Healing is bestowed (Refrain)

By grace Jesus saved us
From sin, death, and fear
We’ll be Easter People
Throughout all the year

Refrain:
COVID-19, Keeps us in quarantine
We’ll be Easter People
Throughout all the year!

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HARK!
by Wayne L. Wold

Tune: “Ukrainian Bell Carol”

Hark! Hear them yell
“All is not well!
Virus repel!
Do not rebel!
Stay where you dwell—
home or hotel.
Gatherings, farewell!
Crowds, please dispel!
Keep sentinel,
all personnel;
no parallel;
nhist’ry will tell.”

Walls closing in around us,
may the distancing not confound us.

Very, very, very, very viral!
Scary, scary, scary, scary spiral!

Use your Purell,
wash hands like hell,
share Cottonelle;
that would be swell.

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Covid the Virus

By Rudolf Hehn
Tune: “Frosty the Snowman”

Covid the virus
Was a very dangerous soul
It was fast and mean
And could not be seen
But to kill us was it’s goal

Covid the virus
Was a fairy tale they say
But the doctors know
How pandemics grow
So it came to life one day

There must have been some bad stuff
in that Wuhan bat they found
‘Cause when they breathed it in their lungs
it began to spread around

So......
Covid the virus
Was alive as it could be
And the people said
We are dropping dead
Social distance is the key

Covid the virus
Quickly spread throughout the land
It was in our ships
And was on our lips
It was getting out of hand
We tried to limit contact
and we worked from home as well
But being unemployed and broke
was definitely hell.

So........
Covid the virus
‘Caused a multi-nation pall
But we did our best
To get through this mess
And be kind to one and all

Bumpity cough cough,
Bumpity cough cough
Together sing a song,
Bumpity cough cough
Bumpity cough cough
United we are strong!

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It came upon a quarantine, that ominous song of old,
From doctors fretting o’er the earth to warn “this ain’t a cold!”
“Peace on the earth, good will to all” is still our cry today,
But please extend that true good will from six full feet away!

For lo! the days are hastening on by CDC foretold,
When COVID-19 finally is a page from history old.
Until that day, good citizens, hold on to this one thing:
Maintain good social distancing to hear each other sing!

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I Saw Three Shipments (Grocery Worker’s Lament)

By: Teri Guill
Tune: "I Saw Three Ships (Come Sailing In)"

I saw three shipments coming in
The stores today, hip hip hooray!
I saw three shipments coming in
To grocery stores in the morning

And what was in the shipments three?
Unpack away, unpack away!
Unload, unwrap the shipments three
At grocery stores in the morning

The toilet paper and wipes were there
On shipment day, on shipment day
The sanitizer and soap were there
At grocery stores in the morning

I saw the hoarders flooding in
The stores today, on shipment day
I watched the hoarders running in
To grocery stores in the morning

And what was left by afternoon
In stores today, on shipment day?
Just empty aisles by afternoon
At grocery stores hit by hoarding

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Although We’re Social-Distancing

Words: Anna Bendiksen
Tune: Here We Come a-Wassailing

1. Although we’re social-distancing
   In this pandemic time,
   We choristers are here with
   Some sweet and silly rhymes:

   Chorus: Love and joy come to you,
   And to you your household too,
   And God bless you, and make you virus-free,
   Virus-free,
   And God bless you, and make you virus-free.

2. This stupid little virus
   Keeps us six feet apart,
   But we rejoice in friendship
   That’s deep within the heart---

3. We’re tired of watching Netflix
   And seeing markets crash,
   So here we are, your neighbors
   For this impromptu bash---

4. Oh, music is the medicine
   That heals our ev’ry care---
   And we musicians, doctors
   With happy news to share---

5. We thank you, kindly citizens,
   For lending us your ear,
   We can’t come any closer,
   But please accept our cheer:

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The 401k Carol

Words: Anna Bendiksen
Tune: Coventry Carol

401k
Account, you are so sad,
Bye, bye 401k.
401k,
This virus hurt you bad,
Bye, bye 401k.

Investors true,
What may we do
For to recoup this gray
Devaluing
Of which we do sing
Bye, bye 401k.

Coronavirus,
You’re not welcome here,
Get hence, just go away---
You’ve had your fun,
Investments are undone,
Bye, bye, 401k.

401k
Account, you are so sad,
Bye, bye 401k.
401k,
This virus hurt you bad,
Bye, bye 401k.

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A Happy Quarantine

By Brian Hehn

Tune: “We Wish You A Merry Christmas”

We wish you a happy quarantine,
We wish you a happy quarantine,
We wish you a happy quarantine,
    So please stay in there.

    Stay six feet away
    from all of your friends.
We wish you a happy quarantine,
    So please stay in there.

    [refrain]

    Make sure to wash hands.
    Use lots of Purell.
We wish you a happy quarantine,
    So please stay in there.

    [refrain]

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SUGGESTIONS & GUIDELINES

Please check the CDC’s website for the most recent guidelines and health advisories. Also, always follow the guidelines and/or mandates by your state and local governments.

When COVID caroling, if you can stay off of people’s porches, that will guarantee you stay the proper distance away. If you have to knock or ring the doorbell, either use gloves or use hand sanitizer before and after.

Carol only with those you are already living in isolation with. Examples of those people would be your immediate family or others within your nursing home or shared-living situation.

SUBMISSIONS & FEEDBACK

If you’d like to contribute to this esteemed collection of carols for COVID, please email brian@thehymnsociety.org with your submission.

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