My Erkina River Choir Winter Songbook



This songbook belongs to:

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Islands in the Stream - (Dolly Parton / Kenny Rodgers)

(Melody)
Baby, when I met you
There was peace unknown
I set out to get you
With a fine-tooth comb
I was soft inside
There was something going on

(Harmony joins here)
You do something to me
That I can't explain
  Hold me closer and I feel no pain
Every beat of my heart
We got something going on

(Melody only)
Tender love is blind
It requires a dedication

(Harmony and Melody)

All this love we feel
Needs no conversation
We ride it together, ah-ha
Making love with each other, ah-ha

Chorus
Islands in the stream
That is what we are
No one in-between
How can we be wrong?
Sail away with me
To another world
And we rely on each other, ah-ha
From one lover to another, ah-ha

(Melody now)

I can't live without you
If the love was gone
Everything is nothing
If you got no one
And you just walk in the night
Slowly losing sight of the real thing

(Harmony joins here)

But that won't happen to us
And we got no doubt
Too deep in love and we got no way out
And the message is clear
This could be the year for the real thing

(Melody only)

No more will you cry
Baby, I will hurt you never

(Melody and harmony)

We start and end as one
In love forever
We can ride it together, ah-ha
Making love with each other, ah-ha

Chorus: Islands in the stream

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Down to the River to Pray - Alison Krauss and Union Station Version from 'O Brother, Where Art Thou' Film

(melody solo - others humm or oooh)

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

(middle harmony starts here)

O **sisters,** let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sisters, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

(bass harmony starts here)

As I went down to the river to pray

….**robe and crown**

O brothers, let's go down

Let's go down, come on down.

Come on, brothers, let's go down

Down to the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
….**starry crown**

O fathers, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down

O fathers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
…**robe and crown**

O mothers, let's go down

Let's go down, come on down.

Come on, mothers, let's go down

Down to the river to pray

(women only)

As I went down in the river to pray
…**starry crown**

(Everyone rejoins)

O sinners, let's go down

Let's go down, come on down
O sisters, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

(women only)

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way

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California Dreamin' - Mamas and the Papas Version

Verse 1

(melody and harmony)

All the leaves are brown (all the leaves are brown)

And the sky is gray (and the sky is gray)

(melody and harmony)

I've been for a walk (I've been for a walk)

On a winter's day (on a winter's day)

I'd be safe and warm (I'd be safe and warm)

If I was in LA (if I was in LA)

California dreamin' (California dreamin')

On such a winter's day

Verse 2

(just melody)

Stopped into a church

I passed along the way

(melody and harmony)

Well, I got down on my knees (got down on my knees)

And I pretend to pray (I pretend to pray)

You know the preacher like the cold (preacher like the cold)

He knows I'm gonna stay (knows I'm gonna stay)

California dreamin' (California dreamin')

On such a winter's day

Verse 3

All the leaves are brown (all the leaves are brown)

And the sky is gray (and the sky is gray)

I've been for a walk (I've been for a walk)

On a winter's day (on a winter's day)

If I didn't tell her (if I didn't tell her)

I could leave today (I could leave today)

Outro

California dreamin' (California dreamin')
On such a winter's day (California dreamin')
On such a winter's day (California dreamin')
On such a winter's day

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I Have a Dream - ABBA

(melody)

I Have a Dream, a song to sing

To help me cope, with anything

(harmony here and melody)

If you see the wonder, of a fairy tale

You can take the future, even if you fail

(harmony here and melody)

I believe in angels

Something good in everything I see

I believe in angels

When I know the time is right for me

(harmony here and melody)

I'll cross the stream, I Have a Dream

I Have a Dream, a fantasy

To help me through, reality

And my destination, makes it worth the while

Pushin' through the darkness, still another mile

(harmony here and melody)

I believe in angels

Something good in everything I see

I believe in angels

When I know the time is right for me

(harmony here and melody)

I'll cross the stream, I Have a Dream x 2

I Have a Dream, a song to sing

To help me cope, with anything

If you see the wonder, of a fairy tale

You can take the future, even if you fail

(harmony here and melody)

I believe in angels.... (Chorus)

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The Sun Will Never Settle - Kingfisher

My heart, it has been broken

By who, I cannot tell

By what I loved and what I lost

And what I did as well

If leaving you was easy

Well, it wouldn't mean a thing

If you want to know what life's about

You have to feel the sting

Chorus (with harmony):

Of the lonely nights

The tears you cannot fight

Howling through the morning

Even though you know you're right

Well, they say the world is changing

And that might well be true

But the sun will never settle on the love I have for you

The sun will never settle on the love I have for you

Now, when the worst is over

And all is said and done

And both of us are living in the future that we won

A hundred thousand years or more could easy pass me by

But the pain will still be painted on the cruel Britannia skies

Chorus:

And on the lonely night

Tears you cannot fight

Howling through the morning

Even though you know you're right

Well, they say the world is changing

And that might well be true

But the sun will never settle on the love I have for you x 2

Chorus:.....

The sun will never settle x 4

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Fairytale of New York - The Pogues and Kirsty MacColl

(men)
It was Christmas Eve, babe
In the drunk tank
An old man said to me
"Won't see another one"
And then he sang a song
'The Rare Old Mountain Dew'
I turned my face away
And dreamed about you
Got on a lucky one
Came in eighteen-to-one
I've got a feeling
This year's for me and you
So, Happy Christmas
I love you, baby
I can see a better time
When all our dreams come true

(women)
They've got cars big as bars, they've got rivers of gold
But the wind goes right through you, it's no place for the old
When you first took my hand on a cold Christmas Eve
You promised me Broadway was waiting for me

(women) You were handsome,
(men) you were pretty,
queen of New York City
(both) When the band finished playing, they howled out for more
Sinatra was swinging, all the drunks, they were singing
We kissed on a corner, then danced through the night

(Harmony here)
The boys of the NYPD choir were singing "Galway Bay"
And the bells were ringing out for Christmas Day

(women)
You're a bum, you're a punk,
(men) you're a fool on the junk
Lying there almost dead on a drip in that bed
(women)
You scumbag, you maggot, you're cheap and you're haggard
Happy Christmas, your arse, I pray God it's our last

(both)
The boys of the NYPD choir, still singing "Galway Bay"
And the bells are ringing out for Christmas Day

(men) "I could have been someone",
(women) well, so could anyone
You took my dreams from me when I first found you
(men) I kept them with me, babe, I put them with my own
Can't make it all alone, I've built my dreams around you

(Both - Harmony)
The boys of the NYPD choir, still singing "Galway Bay"
And the bells are ringing out for Christmas Day

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A Spaceman Came Travelling - Chris de Burgh

(Solo 1)
A spaceman came traveling on his ship from afar

'Twas light years of time since his mission did start

And over a village, he halted his craft

And it hung in the sky like a star, just like a star

(Solo 2)

He followed a light and came down to a shed

Where a mother and child were lying there on a bed

A bright light of silver shone round his head

And he had the face of an angel and they were afraid

(Solo 3)

Then the stranger spoke, he said, do not fear

I come from a planet a long way from here

And I bring a message for mankind to hear

And suddenly the sweetest music filled the air

And it went **(Chorus)** la la la…

(Solo 3) Peace and goodwill to all men and love for the child

(Chorus) La la ..

(**Solo 4)**

This lovely music went trembling through the ground

And many were awakened on hearing that sound

And travelers on the road

The village they found by the light of that ship in the sky

Which shone all around

(Solo 5)

And just before dawn at the paling of the sky

The stranger returned and said, now I must fly

When two thousand years of your time has gone by

This song will begin once again to a baby's cry

And it went

(Chorus) la la la..

(**Solo 5)** This song will begin once again to a baby's cry

And it goes

(Chorus) la la la…

Peace and goodwill to all men and love for the child

(Solo 5)

This song will begin once again to a baby's cry

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Silent Night

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

(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

(French)

Douce nuit, sainte nuit !
Dans les cieux ! L'astre luit.
Le mystère annoncé s'accomplit
Cet enfant sur la paille endormi,
C'est l'amour infini !
C'est l'amour infini !

(Gaeilge)

Oíche chiúin, oíche Mhic Dé,
Cách 'na suan dís araon,
Dís is dílse 'faire le spéis
Naoín beag gnaoigheal
ceananntais caomh

Críost, 'na chodhladh go séimh.
Críost, 'na chodhladh go séimh.

Rudolf the red nosed reindeer

Rudolf the red-nosed reindeer
Had a very shiny nose
And if you ever saw it
You would even say it glows (Like a lightbulb)

All of the other reindeer
Used to laugh and call him names
(Like Pinocchio)
They never let poor Rudolf
Join in any reindeer games (Like Monopoly)

Then one foggy Christmas Eve
Santa came to say
"Ho-Ho-Ho, Rudolf with your nose so bright
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then how the reindeer loved him
(Loved him)
And they shouted out with glee
(Yippee!)
Rudolf the red nosed reindeer
You'll go down in history

O, Holy Night

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;
it is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born!
O night divine! O night, O night divine!
2 Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
there came the wise men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger;
in all our trials born to be our friend.
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger.
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend!

Siúl, a Rún

Oh, I wish I were on yonder hill
It's there I'd sit and cry my fill
And every tear would turn the mill
Is go dté tú mo mhúirnin slán

Siúl siúl siúl a rún
Siúl go socair 'is siúl go ciúin
Siúl go doras agus éalaigh liom
Is go dté tú mo mhúirnin slán

I'll sell my rock I'll sell my reel
I'll sell my only spinning wheel
For to buy my love a coat of steel
Is go dté tú mo mhúirnin slán

Siúl siúl siúl a rún
Siúl go socair 'is siúl go ciúin
Siúl go doras agus éalaigh liom
Is go dté tú mo mhúirnin slán

I'll dye my petticoats I'll dye them red
And round the world I'll beg for bread
Until my parents would wish me dead
Is go dté tú mo mhúirnin slán

Siúl siúl siúl a rún
Siúl go socair 'is siúl go ciúin
Siúl go doras agus éalaigh liom
Is go dté tú mo mhúirnin slán

And now my love has gone to France
To try his fortune to advance
If he ne'er came back there'll be but a chance
Is go dté tú mo mhúirnin slán

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Walking in the Air - The Snowman

We're walking in the air
We're floating in the moonlit sky
The people far below are sleeping as we fly

I'm holding very tight
I'm riding in the midnight blue
I'm finding I can fly so high above with you

Far across the world
The villages go by like trees
The rivers and the hills
The forests and the streams

Children gaze open mouth
Taken by surprise
Nobody down below believes their eyes

We're surfing in the air
We're swimming in the frozen sky
We're drifting over icy
Mountains floating by

Suddenly swooping low on an ocean deep
Arousing of a mighty monster from its sleep

We're walking in the air
We're floating in the midnight sky
And everyone who sees us greets us as we fly

Walking in a Winter Wonderland

Sleigh bells ring, are you listenin',
In the lane, snow is glistenin'
A beautiful sight,
We're happy tonight,
Walking in a winter wonderland.

Gone away is the bluebird,
Here to stay is a new bird,
He sings a love song,
As we go along,
Walking in a winter wonderland.

In the meadow we can build a snowman,
Then pretend that he is Parson Brown
He'll say: Are you married?
We'll say: No man,
But you can do the job
When you're in town.

Later on, we'll conspire,
As we dream by the fire
To face unafraid,
The plans that we've made,
Walking in a winter wonderland.

In the meadow we can build a snowman,
And pretend that he's a circus clown
We'll have lots of fun with mister snowman,
Until the other kiddies knock him down.

When it snows, ain't it thrillin',
Though your nose gets a chillin'
We'll frolic and play, the Eskimo way,
Walking in a winter wonderland.

Walking in a winter wonderland,
Walking in a winter wonderland.

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All I Want for Christmas - Is You! - Mariah Carey

[Intro]
I don't want a lot for Christmas
There is just one thing I need
I don't care about the presents
Underneath the Christmas tree
I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my wish come true
All I want for Christmas is you, yeah

[Verse 1]
I don't want a lot for Christmas
There is just one thing I need (And I)
Don't care about the presents
Underneath the Christmas tree
I don't need to hang my stocking
There upon the fireplace (Ah)
Santa Claus won't make me happy
With a toy on Christmas Day

[Chorus]
I just want you for my own (Ooh)
More than you could ever know (Ooh)
Make my wish come true
All I want for Christmas is you
You, baby

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[Verse 2]
Oh, I won't ask for much this Christmas
I won't even wish for snow (And I)
I'm just gonna keep on waiting
Underneath the mistletoe
I won't make a list and send it
To the North Pole for Saint Nick (Ah)
I won't even stay awake to
Hear those magic reindeer click

[Chorus]
'Cause I just want you here tonight (Ooh)
Holding on to me so tight (Ooh)
What more can I do?
Oh, baby, all I want for Christmas is you
You, you, you, you (You, baby)

[Bridge]
Oh, all the lights are shining so brightly everywhere (So brightly, baby)
And the sound of children's laughter fills the air (Oh, oh)
And everyone is singing (Oh yeah)
I hear those sleigh bells ringing (Oh)
Santa, won't you bring me the one I really need? (Yeah, oh)
Won't you please bring my baby to me? (Oh)

[Verse 3]
Oh, I don't want a lot for Christmas
This is all I'm asking for (Ah)
I just wanna see my baby
Standing right outside my door

[Chorus]
Oh, I just want you for my own (Ooh)
More than you could ever know (Ooh)
Make my wish come true
Oh, baby, all I want for Christmas is you

[Outro]

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Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow - Dean Martin Version

[Verse 1]
Oh, the weather outside is frightful
But the fire is so delightful
And since we've no place to go
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

[Verse 2]
Man, it doesn't show signs of stoppin'
And I've brought me some corn for poppin'
The lights are turned way down low
Let it snow, let it snow

[Bridge]
When we finally kiss goodnight
How I'll hate goin' out in the storm
But if you really hold me tight
All the way home, I'll be warm

[Verse 3]
And the fire is slowly dyin'
And, my dear, we're still goodbyein'
But as long as you'd love me so
Let it snow, let it snow, and snow

[Bridge]
When we finally kiss goodnight
How I'll hate goin' out in the storm
But if you really grab me tight
All the way home, I'll be warm

[Verse 3]
Oh, the fire is slowly dyin'
And, my dear, we're still goodbyein'
But as long as you'd love me so
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

You better watch out
You better not cry
Better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is comin' to town,

He's making a list
And checking it twice;
He's gonna find out who's naughty and nice
Santa Claus is comin' to town

(He sees you when you're sleeping)
(He knows when you're awake)
He knows if you've been bad or good
{So be good for goodness sake}!

{You better watch out}!
{You better not cry}
{Better not pout}
{I'm telling you why}
Santa Claus is comin' to town

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Jingle Bell Rock

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock
Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring
Snowin' and blowin' up bushels of fun
Now the jingle hop has begun
Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock
Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time
Dancin' and prancin' in Jingle Bell Square
In the frosty air
What a bright time, it's the right time
To rock the night away
Jingle bell time is a swell time
To go glidin' in a one-horse sleigh
Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet
Jingle around the clock
Mix and a-mingle in the jinglin' feet
That's the jingle bell rock
Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock
Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time
Dancin' and prancin' in Jingle Bell Square
In the frosty air
What a bright time……Chorus

A Ray of Hope - When a Child is Born

A ray of hope flickers in the sky
A shiny star lights up way up high
All across the land dawns a brand new morn

This comes to pass when a child is born

A silent wish sails the seven seas
The winds have changed whisperin the trees
And the walls of doubt crumble tossed and torn

This comes to pass when a child is born

A rosy fume settles all around
Youve got the feel youre on solid ground
For a spell or two no-one seems forlorn

This comes to pass when a child is born

Its all a dream and illusion now
It must come true, sometimes soon somehow
All across the land, dawns a brand new morn

This comes to pass when a child is born