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### **Christmas History**

The Northern BC region is rich in history and traditions. Together with the assistance of the Northern Trails Heritage Society members, we've curated a collection of unique and interesting stories about the History of Christmas in Northern BC.







### Celebrating Christmas Traditions and History in Northern BC



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## The First Noel

The First Noel the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

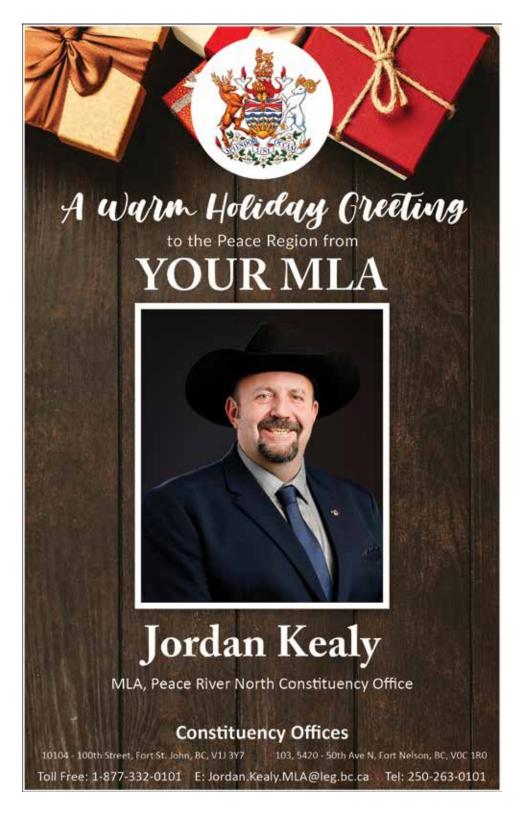
They looked up and saw a star Shining in the East beyond them far And to the earth it gave great light And so it continued both day and night Noel Noel Noel Born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star
Three Wise men came from country far
To seek for a King was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went
Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

This star drew nigh to the northwest O'er Bethlehem it took it's rest And there it did both Pause and stay Right o'er the place where Jesus lay Noel Noel Noel Noel Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought
And with his blood mankind hath bought
Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

Noel Noel Noel Born is the King Born is the King Born is the King of Israel!



### Its a Marshmallow world

It's a marshmallow world in the winter When the snow come to cover the ground It's time for play, it's a whipped cream day I wait for it the whole year round

Those are marshmallow clouds being friendly In the arms of the evergreen trees And the sun is red, like a pumpkin head It's shining so your nose won't freeze

Oh, the world is your snowball, see how it grows That's how it goes, whenever it snows The world is your snowball just for a song Get out and roll it along

Oh, it's a yum, yummy world made for sweethearts Take a walk with your favorite girl It's a sugar date, what if spring is late In winter it's a marshmallow world

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Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus, right down Santa Claus Lane He's got a bag that's filled with toys for boys and girls again Hear those sleigh bells jingle jangle, oh what a beautiful sight So jump in bed and cover your head, 'cause Santa Claus comes tonight

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus right down Santa Claus Lane He'll come around when chimes ring out that it's Christmas time again Peace on earth will come to all if we just follow the light So let's give thanks to the Lord above, 'cause Santa Claus comes tonight

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus, right down Santa Claus Lane Vixen and Blitzen and all his reindeers pulling on the reins Bells are ringing, children singing, all is merry and bright So jump in bed and cover your head, 'cause Santa Claus comes tonight

He is a miracle come to all if we just follow the light So let's give thanks to the Lord above, 'cause Santa Claus comes tonight So let's give thanks to the Lord above, 'cause Santa Claus comes tonight





### SnoW 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! Man it doesn't show signs of stopping And I brought me some corn for popping The lights are turned way down low Let it snow! Let it snow! When we finally kiss goodnight How I'll hate going out in the storm But if you'll really hold me tight All the way home I'll be warm And the fire is slowly dying And, my dear, we're still goodbying But as long as you'd love me so Let it snow! Let it snow and snow! When we finally kiss goodnight How I'll hate going out in the storm But if you really grab me tight All the way home I'll be warm Oh, the fire is slowly dying And, my dear, we're still goodbying But as long as you'd love me so Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

### Winter Wonderland

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

Gone away is the bluebird Here to stay is a new bird To sing a love song While we stroll along Walking in a winter wonderland

In the meadow, we can build a snowman We'll 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

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# Joy To The World Joy to the world, the Lord is come Let Earth receive her King Let every heart prepare Him room And wonders of His love And wonders

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Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns Let all their songs employ While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy Repeat the sounding joy Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love And wonders of His love And wonders, wonders, of His love

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And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing



### The Christmas Gong

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire Jack Frost nipping at your nose Yuletide carols being sung by a choir And folks dressed up like Eskimos

Everybody knows a turkey and some mistletoe
Help to make the season bright
Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow
Will find it hard to sleep tonight
They know that Santa's on his way
He's loaded lots of toys
and goodies on his sleigh
And every mother's child is gonna spy
To see if reindeers really know how to fly
And so I'm offering this simple phrase
To kids from one to ninety-two
Although it's been said many times, many ways
Merry Christmas to you

And so I'm offering this simple phrase
To kids from one to ninety-two

Although it's been said many times, many ways Merry Christmas to you



# SiNG/e

Dashing through the snow In a one-horse open sleigh O'er the fields we go Laughing all the way Bells on bobtails ring Making spirits bright What fun it is to ride and sing A sleighing song tonight, oh!

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh

Now the ground is white
Go it while you're young
Take the girls tonight
Sing this sleighing song
Get a bobtailed bay
Two forty for his speed
And hitch him to an open sleigh
And you will take the lead

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh



### DECKATHEA LALIS

Deck the halls with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

See the blazing Yule before us, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Strike the harp and join the chorus. Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Follow me in merry measure, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

While I tell of Yuletide treasure, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Fast away the old year passes, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Sing we joyous, all together, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Heedless of the wind and weather, Fa la la la la, la la la la.



### Merry Christmas

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### Frosty the Snowman

Frosty the Snowman Was a jolly happy soul With a corn cob pipe and a button nose And two eyes made out of coal

Frosty the Snowman
Is a fairytale they say
He was made of snow,
but the children know
How he came to life one day

There must have been some magic In that old top hat they found For when they placed it on his head He began to dance around

Oh, Frosty the Snowman Was alive as he could be And the children say he could laugh and play Just the same as you and me

Frosty the Snowman Was a jolly happy soul With a corn cob pipe and a button nose And two eyes made out of coal

Frosty the Snowman A fairytale they say Was made of snow But he came to life one day

There must have been some magic In that old top hat they found (some magic in that hat) For when they placed it on his head He began to dance around

Frosty the Snowman (snowman) Knew the sun was hot that day (hot that day) So he said, "Let's run, and we'll have some fun Now before I melt away" Frosty the Snowman
Had to hurry on his way
But he waved good-bye, saying,
"Don't you cry
I'll be back again some day!"



# I'm Dreaming of A White Christmas

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas Just like the ones I used to know Where the treetops glisten And children listen To hear sleigh bells in the snow

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas With every Christmas card I write May your days be merry and bright And may all your Christmases be white I'm dreaming of a white Christmas Just like the ones I used to know Where the treetops glisten And children listen To hear sleigh bells in the snow

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### Rudolph Reindeer

You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen But do you recall The most famous reindeer of all?

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Had a very shiny nose And if you ever saw it You would even say it glows

All of the other reindeer Used to laugh and call him names They never let poor Rudolph Join in any reindeer games

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

Then how the reindeer loved him
As they shouted out with glee
"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
You'll go down in history"









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### Up on the House Top

Up on the house top, reindeer pause Out jumps good old Santa Claus Down through the chimney with lots of toys All for the little ones, Christmas joys

Ho, ho, ho, who wouldn't go?
Ho, ho, ho, who wouldn't go?
Up on the housetop, click click click
Down through the chimney
with old St. Nick

First comes the stocking of little Nell Ol' dear Santa, fill it well Give her a dolly that laughs and cries One that can open and shut its eyes

Ho, ho, ho, who wouldn't go?
Ho, ho, ho, who wouldn't go?
Up on the house top, click click click
Down through the chimney
with good St. Nick

Look in the stocking of little Bill Oh, just see what a glorious fill Here is a hammer and lots of tacks A whistle and a ball and a whip that cracks

Ho, ho, ho, who wouldn't go?
Ho, ho, ho, who wouldn't go?
Up on the house top, click click click

Down through the chimney with good St. Nick

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Out jumps good ol'
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# Mark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the new-born king Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled

Joyful all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies With angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the new-born king

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings
Risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
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### OLD TOY TRAINS

Old toy trains, little toy tracks Little toy drums coming from a sack Carried by a man dressed in white and red Little boy, don't you think it's time you were in bed?

Close your eyes Listen to the skies All is calm, all is well Soon you'll hear Kris Kringle and the jingle bells Bringin' old toy trains, little toy tracks Little toy drums coming from a sack Carried by a man dressed in white and red Little boy, don't you think it's time you were in bed?

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Little boy, don't you think it's time you were in bed?







### O Christmas Gree

O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree
Thy leaves are so unchanging
O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree
Thy leaves are so unchanging
Not only green when summer's here
But also when it's cold and drear
O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree
Thy leaves are so unchanging

O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree Such pleasure do you bring me O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree Such pleasure do you bring me For every year this Christmas tree Brings to us such joy and glee

O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree Such pleasure do you bring me O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree You'll ever be unchanging A symbol of goodwill and love You'll ever be unchanging Each shining light, each silver bell No one alive spreads cheer so well O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree You'll ever be unchanging

# Rockin 'Around the Christmas Tree

Rockin' around the Christmas tree At the Christmas party hop Mistletoe hung where you can see Every couple tries to stop Rockin' around the Christmas tree Let the Christmas spirit ring Later we'll have some pumpkin pie And we'll do some caroling

You will get a sentimental feeling when you hear
Voices singing, let's be jolly
Deck the halls with boughs of holly
Rockin' around the Christmas tree
Have a happy holiday
Everyone dancin' merrily
In the new old-fashioned way

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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!

Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia, Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth



Away in a manger
No crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
Lay down His sweet head

The stars in the sky
Look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing The poor baby wakes But little Lord Jesus No crying He makes I love Thee, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side
'Til morning is nigh
Be near me, Lord Jesus
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray

Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care
And take us to heaven
To live with Thee there
Take us to heaven
To live with Thee there





# HE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



On the first day of Christmas, my true love sent to me A partridge in a pear tree.

On the second day of Christmas, my true love sent to me Two turtle doves, And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the third day of Christmas, my true love sent to me Three French hens, Two turtle doves, And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves, And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me Five gold rings, Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves, And a partridge in a pear tree. On the sixth day of Christmas,

my true love sent to me Six geese a-laying, Five gold rings, Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves, And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five gold rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five gold rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas,

my true love sent to me
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five gold rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me Ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five gold rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas,

my true love sent to me
Eleven pipers piping,
Ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five gold rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
Twelve drummers drumming,
Eleven pipers piping,
Ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five gold rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree!





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Wishing you a joyous holiday season filled with warmth and cheer!

May the spirit of kindness and unity envelop us all, fostering a sense of community that will carry us into the new year.

- Mayor and Council

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# toThe WARCE

Joy to the world, the Lord is come Let Earth receive her King Let every heart prepare Him room And Heaven and nature sing And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing

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Well, my friends, just as you can be sure
That Christmas falls on the 25th of December every year
So can you be sure that we are going to have Christmas songs
So while the holiday song seasons' in full swing
I'd like to offer my own musical salute to Santa Claus
Bring out those silver birds written

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks, dressed in holiday style In the air there's a feeling of Christmas Children laughing, people passing, meeting smile after smile And on every street corner you hear

Silver bells, silver bells
It's Christmas time in the city
Ring a ling, hear them ring
Soon it'll be Christmas day

Silver bells, silver bells It's Christmas time in the city Ring a ling, hear them ring Soon it'll be Christmas day







# Christmas Events

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