

# Welcome Carol

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Calypso rhythm, 3+3+2 feel

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Chords: C C<sub>sus</sub> C<sub>2</sub> C F C G<sub>sus</sub> G

Voice(s)

May be accompanied by piano and/or guitar - you are free to arrange this for other instruments if you wish.

Piano

Chords: C C<sub>sus</sub> C<sub>2</sub> C F/C C G<sub>sus</sub> G

V

*mf* 1. Ma - ry and Jo - seph tra - velled to Beth - l'em, in a strange land and a - lone;  
*mp* 2. Shep - herds from hill - sides came down to Beth - l'em, sent by an an - gel on high.  
*p* 3. He - rod the ty - rant tried to kill Je - sus: Ma - ry and Jo - seph took flight!  
*mf* 4. Spi - rit of Christ - mas, be in our hearts now, We'll show the love that you send;

Pno.

1. *mf* 2. *mp*  
3. *p* 4. *mf*

Chords: C C<sub>sus</sub> C<sub>2</sub> C F/C C G

V

All they could find was a place in a sta - ble, sha - ring the a - ni - mals' home.  
 Kings from a far land — came to the sta - ble, led by a star in the sky.  
 Warned by an an - gel, — they fled the coun - try — un - der the co - ver of night.  
 Fol - low - ing Je - sus, — we wel - come stran - gers, hop - ing we'll soon be - come friends.

Pno.

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**V**

*F cresc. (in all verses)*    *C/E*    *F*    *Dm*    *G*    *G7*

Ma - ry gave birth there, crad - led her ba - by, — held him so close and so dear, and said to him:  
 Ma - ry and Jo - seph greet - ed the stran - gers, — o - pened the door with - out fear, and said to them:  
 Peo - ple in Eg - ypt — gave them a re - fuge, — helped them when dan - ger was near, and said to them:  
 Flee - ing from ty - rants, vi - sit - ing ba - bies, or join - ing our Christ - mas - time cheer, we say to you:

**Pno.**

*cresc. (in all verses)*

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**V**

*C*    *Dm7*    *C/E*    *F*    *C/G*    *Am*

*f* (v.1) Wel - come, wel - come, wel - come, wel - come! My lit - tle Em - ma - nuel, —  
*f* (v.2,3,4) Welcome, wel - come, wel - come, wel - come! Wher - e - ver you came from,

**Pno.**

*f*

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**V**

*Dm7/A*    *G/B*    *C*    *Csus*    *(verses 1-3)*    *(last time)*  
*C2*    *C*    *C2*    *C*

you are wel - come here. —  
 you are wel - come here. —

**Pno.**

*(verses 1-3)*    *(last time)*  
*mf*    *f*

1. Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem, in a strange land and alone,  
 All they could find was a place in a stable, sharing the animals' home,  
 Mary gave birth there, cradled her baby, held him so close and so dear,  
 And said to him, welcome (x4), my little Emmanuel, you are welcome here. We say to you, welcome...

2. Shepherds from hillsides came down to Bethlehem, sent by an angel on high,  
 Kings from a far land came to the stable, led by a star in the sky,  
 Mary and Joseph greeted the strangers, opened the door without fear,  
 And said to them, welcome (x4), wherever you came from,  
 you are welcome here.

3. Herod the tyrant tried to kill Jesus; Mary and Joseph took flight!  
 Warned by an angel, they fled the country under the cover of night.  
 People in Egypt gave them a refuge, helped them when danger was near,  
 And said to them, welcome...

4. Spirit of Christmas, be in our hearts now, we'll show the love that you send,  
 Following Jesus, we welcome strangers, hoping we'll soon become friends.  
 Fleeing from tyrants, visiting babies, or joining our Christmastime cheer,  
 We say to you, welcome...

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