

## Apollo Fireside Christmas – 2020

Hey, if reindeer can take flight, so can beer.

At least, you might feel like you're flying if you try all of these possible beer pairings with the Apollo Chorus Christmas selections on our playlist. (You've been warned.)



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**Preparation:** Most of the beers listed below can be found at your local Total Wine & MORE store, although some may be out-of-stock at various locations, requiring you to hunt a bit more. If you put them all in an on-line shopping cart at Total Wine, it will set you back about 90 bucks. A benefit is that you can arrange for a minimal-contact curbside pickup at the store location most convenient to you, and then you won't have to wander around the store looking for each beer. *(If you prefer to go into a store because you like wandering around, be sure you bring and wear a face mask, or they won't let you in. Be a nice guy, and don't fight this requirement, ok?)*

**Share a taste of all the selections, or choose your favorites!**

Sleigh Ride – Popular American Carol, Lyrics 1950

[Sierra Nevada Celebration Ale](#)

“Generous portions of barley malts and fine whole hops of several varieties create a brew with a full, rich, hearty, hoppy spirit.”

Here We Come a Caroling – Traditional English Carol and New Year's Song, Mid 1800's

[Samuel Smith's Winter Welcome English Ale](#)

"England - Winter Warmer - This seasonal beer is honey-amber in colour with great finesse and complexity."

Do You Hear What I Hear – Popular American Carol, 1962

[Bell's Christmas Ale](#)

"This traditional Scotch Ale is rich and malty with notes of caramel and a warm finish."

Little Drummer Boy – Popular American Carol, 1941

[New Belgium Oakspire Bourbon Barrel Ale](#)

*"...a Bourbon-Inspired beer, with flavor pulled from 9+ year old Knob Creek barrels..."*

Still Still Still – Austrian Carol and Lullaby, 1865

[Unibroue La Fin Du Monde](#) or [Samichlaus](#) if you can find it!

*"La Fin du Monde ...is mildly yeasty with a pleasingly complex palate of malt, fruit and spice notes followed by a smooth, dry finish."*

*Samichlaus: "Brewed only once a year on December 6<sup>th</sup>....Brewed under the exclusive license of Feldschlösschen-Hürlimann-Holding, Switzerland."*

Haneirot Hallalu – Jewish Hymn

[Boulevard Plaid Habit](#)

*"This is a Canadian Whiskey barrel-aged imperial brown ale."*

Ding Dong Merrily On High – English Carol, 1924

[Schell's Snowstorm Biere de Noel](#)

*"Much like snowflakes, no two Snowstorm beers are alike. It is warm, rich and earthy with a complex malt character ideally suited for brisk Northern lights."*

When you're listening to our playlist is complete, see if you can recall which beer you liked the best! Also, see if you can form your opinions about why a given beer was a good pairing with a given musical selection.

*(Can't remember? Maybe you should have taken notes. In any case, now stay home or get a ride; don't ever drink and drive, friends.)*

**Have a happy holiday!**