Christmas 2023 The Original Songs of Christmas

Music and Christmas go together.

The ve	ry first Christmas carol	s go back 2,000 years	—to the very first Christmas.	
When Luke wro	ote his gospel, he reco	rded of t	he original songs of Christmas as part of the Christn	nas story.
The Bib	ole was translated fron	n its original language	s into Latin by a priest named Jerome in	AD.
The four songs	found in Luke's Gospe	l were given Latin nar	nes by the early church.	
(Luke 1	.:48-55)	_ Song —called the M	agnificat.	
	Praise to God for his	magnificence, holines	s, mercy, righteousness, and faithfulness.	
	God is perso	nal, gracious savior, w	ho divinely intervenes.	
	It highlights a series	of		
	The proud ar	e humbled, and the h	umble are exalted.	
	A poor youn	g girl named Mary is c	hosen by God to be the mother of the Messiah.	
(Luke 1	.:67-80)	Song—called th	ne Benedictus.	
	Thanksgiving for the	hope God provides th	rough Messiah.	
	Zechariah and his wi	fe were	in their old age, but God miraculously gave them	a son.
	John was the	last Old Testament P	rophet who had a role in God's plan for Messiah.	
	God had not	spoken to his people	for hundreds of years.	
(Luke 2	2:14) The Angels' Song	—called the Gloria in	Excelsis.	
	Praise to God by the	armies of heaven, "Gl	ory in the highest," the night Jesus was born.	
	Theshepherds.	angels of Goo	brought the first announcement of "Good News" t	o lowly
(Luke 2	2:29-32) Simeon's Song	g—called the Nunc Dir	mittis.	
	Praise to God at the	fulfilled personal pron	nise that God made to him.	
	(verses 25–26) Simed would live to see the	_	nd devout" man, told by the	_ that he