## A Merry Christmas 1940s (2004)

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01. A Merry American Christmas - Kate Smith

02. When You Trim Your Christmas Tree - Les Brown and His Orchestra (Vocals by Jack Haskell)

03. Here Comes Santa Claus - Gene Autry and Vocal Group

04. The First Noel/Angels from the Realms of Glory - Richard Keys Biggs

05. Christmas Dreaming (A Little Early This Year) - Frank Sinatra

06. Little Jack Frost Get Lost - Frankie Carle and His Orchestra (Vocals by Marjorie Hughes)

07. Blue Christmas - Hugo Winterhalter and His Orchestra and Choir

08. Baby. It's Cold Outside - Pearl Bailey and Hot Lips Page

09. White Christmas - Charlie Spivak and His Orchestra (Vocals by Garry Stevens)

10. Ol' Saint Nicholas - Doris Day

11. Adeste Fideles (O Come, All Ye Faithful) - Lyn Murray Singers

12. Winter Wonderland - Buddy Clark with The Girl Friends

13. I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm - Les Brown and His Band of Renown

14. All I Want for Christmas (Is My Two Front Teeth) - Mary Kaye Trio

15. Ave Maria - Hour of Charm All Girl Orchestra and Choir

16. The Merry Christmas Polka - Dinah Shore with Jud Conlon's Rhythmaires play

17. Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas (From Meet Me In St. Louis) - Frank Sinatra

18. Winter Weather - Benny Goodman and His Orchestra (Vocals by Art Lund and Peggy Lee)

19. Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer - Gene Autry and The Pinafores

20. I'll Be Home for Christmas - Jerry Wayne

21. The Skaters (Les Patineurs) - Al Goodman and His Orchestra

22. The Jingle Bell Polka – Modernaires Featuring Hal Dickinson

23. The Christmas Song (Merry Christmas to You) - Les Brown and His Orchestra (Vocals by Doris Day)

24. Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow! - Woody Herman and His Orchestra 25. Auld Lang Syne - Tommy Tucker Time

(Vocals by Don Brown, Kerwin Somerville and The Three Two-Timers) play

26. What Are You Doing New Year's Eve? - Kay Kyser and His Orchestra

(Vocals by Harry Babbitt and The Campus Kids)

Christmas always has been and always will be an important holiday, but during the '40s it took on a special meaning. For some, it meant the cessation of hostilities and a chance for a good meal; for others, it was the time of the year when the pangs for a missing loved one were particularly acute. And as always, Christmas meant a celebration of spirit, family and—most importantly during that momentous decade—hope. We've collected 25 of the most beloved holiday-themed recordings from the '40s for your listening enjoyment—we daresay they'll make your 21st-century Christmas celebrations a little brighter.

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