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CHRISTMAS SONGS

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FRANCE: "PETIT PAPA NOËL"

"Petit Papa Noël," the song about the arrival of Santa or Father Christmas (Papa Noël), sung from the perspective of a child hoping that Santa won't forget the toys (It's a feeling we can all relate to, I'm sure.) Listen to "Petit Papa Noël" performed by Tino Rossi:



BALI: "MALAM KUDUS"

Popular Christmas carols in Indonesia include 'Malam Kudus' (an Indonesian version of 'O Holy Night') and 'Malam Kudus' (an Indonesian version of 'Silent Night'). These songs are usually sung on Christmas Eve in churches by a choir during the candle-light service, when people think about the Christmas story. Listen to "Malum Kudus" performed by Anggun at San Francesco Christmas Concert in Assisi:



GREECE: "KALANDA SONG"

A carol is also known as Kalanda or Kalanta in Greek. Caroling has roots in ancient Greece, children would carry small boats and sing songs honoring Dionysius, and the head of the household. After singing for the household, the children would often be invited inside for a refreshment. It is thought that the significance of the boats has to do with Saint Nicholas (Agios Nikolaos) who is the Patron Saint of Sailors in Greece and is celebrated on December 6th. Listen to Kalandas from The Greek Online School:



NIGERIA: "BETELEHEMU"

This beautiful Nigerian Christmas carol about the birth city of Jesus is sung in Yoruba, one of the local languages in West Africa. Listen to "Betelehemu" performed by the Morehouse College Glee Club.

