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Posted by [emarenot](#) on Tue, 25 Dec 2007 03:19:50 GMT  
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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Tue, 25 Dec 2007 07:47:03 GMT  
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Posted by [Deej](#) on Tue, 25 Dec 2007 19:36:21 GMT  
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Posted by [Paul Braun](#) on Wed, 26 Dec 2007 01:08:23 GMT  
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On 25 Dec 2007 13:19:50 +1000, "Mike R" <emarenot@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Yes, they are. However, I do get tired of every artist releasing an album of the same tired old chestnuts over and over and over again. If I hear "Jingle Bell Rock" one more time, I'm going to hurt someone badly.

However, my new favorites are "The Meaning of Christmas" and "A Song of Christmas" by Lowen & Navarro, and "Sharing Christmas" and "A Distant Trumpet" by The Ides of March.

I love it when artists write really good, fresh, new Christmas songs.

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Subject: Re: Christmas Carols are Awesome.  
Posted by [Paul Braun](#) on Wed, 26 Dec 2007 01:12:10 GMT  
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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Wed, 26 Dec 2007 11:43:28 GMT  
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Now don't be judgemental . . . poor deer has rabies and can't help herself.

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Oh man . . . 19 years ago . . . ow . . . OK, I'll do my best. I know we had a Yamaha TX802 and an RX5 drum machine. And there was a little tiny noisy Roland box that we should never have used, don't remember the model. Oh, wait . . . MT32. Ick. Then there was a borrowed sampler that I think was an Akai S1000. I think. Might've been an Emu sumpnerother. But I think it was the Akai. And Hybrid Arts SMPTEtrack running it all on the Atari 1040ST. I dragged my friend Brenda in to do the vocals. She'd never been in a studio before, and was really nervous, but she did OK.

I was addicted to midi for about 5 years there, and became something of a recluse. I've recovered now and much prefer to work with humans, in spite of all the problems that come with them. :)

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"Paul Braun" <cygnus\_nospam@ctgonline.org> wrote in message news:mfa3n3dl3hib8t9js073knaujcuc4m26v9@4ax.com...

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I still have my Atari, too. I even dug it out and fired it up a few years ago so I could export all those SMPTE track song files as midi files to use in Cubase.

Thanks for the compliments. The concept was to try to do each song in a completely different style, so it was a fun arranging exercise. There were 15 songs on the original cassette release, but some will never again be allowed out in public. :)

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It just means that more of us were trying to listen than you had  
outgoing bandwidth for.

It should settle down after a while.

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