

Hi All,

The next five minutes of your life may well be the most confusing that you've had for a long time. Follow my step-by-step guide, and we'll see you right!

Step 1): Go to the cupboard and find that special bottle that you keep for moments like this, pour the contents into a glass.

2) Get you Mardi Brass Carol booklet

3) turn to O Come all ye Faithful (last one in the booklet)

4) Put the following number in front of each verse:

bar 23 - O Come all ye Faithful: **1**

bar 24 - True God of true God: **2**

bar 46 - Sing choirs of Angels: **6**

bar 46 - Lo! Star led chieftains: **4**

bar 68 - See how the shepherds: **3**

bar 68 - Child for us sinners: **5**

bar 90 - Yea Lord we greet Thee: **7**.

Step 5) Now you've done that, top up your glass.

6) At bars 23 and 43, put in repeat signs so that once you've sung Verse 1, you repeat back to bar 23 and sing verse 2.

7) Once you get to bar 43 for the second time, write the following: 'Turn to page 8'. The band will then play from bar 66 and we'll come in at bar 68 and sing verse 3.

8) Send out nearest and dearest to buy you another bottle of the good stuff!

9) At the end of verse 3 (bar 87) write: 'Go to bar 44' and then sing verse 4....Lo! Star led Chieftains etc.

10) At the end of verse 4 (bar 65) write: 1st time go straight on to verse 5....Child for us sinners etc (band will play bars 66-67 before verse 5 starts).

11) 'Thanks love, didn't they have the large bottles?'

12) At the end of verse 5 (bar 87) you should already have written there: 'Go to bar 44'. This time do that, but sing verse 6....Sing choirs of Angels.

13) At the end of verse 6 (bar 65) write: '2nd time go to bar 88 - page 10', and then sing verse 7.

14) At the end of verse 7 (bar 109), make sure everyone is on the same page as you are and give me one of those knowing smiles!

15) promise yourself to take out shares in the producer of that bottle of magic!

Ho Ho Ho

Tom