

ET4B's Christmas Quiz 2013

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3. 'The rich and the poor ones, the road is so long' are some of the lyrics to which classic (and optimistically titled) Christmas Tune?
4. Which German composer wrote the *Christmas Oratorio* in 1734?
5. The characters *Wishy Washy* and *Widow Twankey* traditionally appear in which pantomime?
6. In which London Lake do members of a local swimming club traditionally take a dip on Christmas Day?
7. What Hebrew word means 'so be it'?
8. Who is the patron saint of Bohemia?
9. The Beatles enjoyed being No 1 at Christmas, on four out the five years between 1963 and 1967 inclusive. Can you name any two of these four No 1 hits?:
10. Who in turn sang '*All I Want for Christmas is a Beatle*' in 1963?
11. In Charles Dickens' book *A Christmas Carol*, what was the surname of Tiny Tim?
12. Who landed at Plymouth Rock in the USA on Christmas Day in 1620?
13. Which 1942 hit song was used to signal all Americans to evacuate from Saigon in 1975?
14. Which President stepped down from leadership of the Soviet Union (or what was left of it) on Christmas Day 1991?
15. 'You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you'...Why?

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ET4B's Christmas Quiz 2013 - Answers

1. Which 1982 Christmas hit by David Essex shared its title with a Shakespeare play?
Answer: **A Winter's Tale**
2. Which parasitic plant was sacred to the Druids?
Answer: **Mistletoe**
3. 'The rich and the poor ones, the road is so long' are some of the lyrics to which classic (and optimistically titled) Christmas Tune?
Answer: **Merry Xmas (war is over) by John Lennon/Yoko Ono**
4. Which German composer wrote the *Christmas Oratorio* in 1734?
Answer: **J.S. Bach**
5. The characters *Wishy Washy* and *Widow Twankey* traditionally appear in which pantomime?
Answer: **Aladdin** (*oh no they don't!*)
6. In which London Lake do members of a local swimming club traditionally take a dip on Christmas Day?
Answer: **The Serpentine**
7. What Hebrew word means 'so be it'?
Answer: **Amen**
8. Who is the patron saint of Bohemia?
Answer: **Saint Wenceslas**
9. The Beatles enjoyed being No 1 at Christmas, on four out the five years between 1963 and 1967 inclusive. Name any two of these four No 1 hits:
Possible answers: **I Want to hold your hand (1963), I feel fine (1964), Day Tripper/We can work it out (1965) Hello Goodbye (1967).**
NB; Tom Jones interrupted the sequence by having the 1966 Xmas No 1 in 1966 with 'The green green grass of home'.
10. Who in turn sang 'All I Want for Christmas is a Beatle' in 1963?
Answer: **Dora Bryan** (*despite being from Oldham, in those days she was as popular as Charlie Drake and Bernard Cribbins – honest guv!*)
11. In Charles Dickens' book *A Christmas Carol*, what was the surname of Tiny Tim?
Answer: **Cratchit**
12. Who landed at Plymouth Rock in the USA on Christmas Day in 1620?
Answer: **The Pilgrim Fathers**
13. Which 1942 hit song was used to signal all Americans to evacuate from Saigon in 1975?
Answer: **White Christmas**
14. Which President stepped down from leadership of the Soviet Union (or what was left of it) on Christmas Day 1991?
Answer: **Mikhail Gorbachev**
15. 'You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you'...Why?
Answer: **Santa Claus in comin' to town'** of course!