

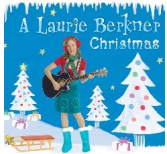
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01 – Jingle Bells 02 – Santa's Coming To My House Tonight 03 – Little Drummer Boy 04 – I Saw Three Ships 05 – Candy Cane Jane 06 – Do You Hear What I Hear 07 – Children Go Where I Send Thee 08 – Silent Night 09 – Christmas Lights 10 – Christmas Is Coming 11 – Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer 12 – Jolly Old St. Nicholas 13 – Frosty the Snowman 14 – White Christmas 15 – We Wish You A Merry Christmas Musicians: Laurie Berkner – guitar, vocals Adam Bernstein – bass, vocals Susie Lampert, Jeffrey Lesser – keyboards, vocals Christopher Olsen, David Weiss - flute Roger Rosenberg – bassoon Mac Gollehon – horn Tim Newman - trombone Brady Rymer – bass, mandolin, vocals Bob Golden – drums, percussion Marisol Miller-Richa, Elizabeth Mitchell, Lucy Day Mueller, Sebastian Newman, Manika Yamin – vocals

Records by the Laurie Berkner Band offered a winning indie sensibility directed toward children's music, and their high point, *Rocketship Run*, was one of the best collections of original children's songs of the 2000s. Berkner's 2012 Christmas album is technically a solo effort, and it shows in the arrangements, which are much closer to standard children's fare than *Rocketship Run*. A tad simplistic but always buoyant and light-hearted, the arrangements help Berkner shine in a solo role, and she contributes a few solid originals to the Christmas canon, most notably "Santa's Coming to My House Tonight" and "Christmas Lights." Berkner also earns points for not shying away from religious material; the program includes "Silent Night," "Do You Hear What I Hear?," and "Children Go Where I Send Thee." Children are heard on backing vocals throughout, always a plus on children's albums, and while *A Laurie Berkner Christmas* could have benefited from a little more band, it's still a solid Christmas record for the pre-teen audience. --- John Bush, Rovi

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