"A Christmas Carol"; (For the Conservative Party) (May be sung to the tune, "God rest ye, merry gentlemen".

God help you British citizens
Let nothing you dismay,
Sing praise to Mr Edward Heath
The top "con man" today,
The british housewife put him there,
"He hasnae long tae stay"
And its tidings of comfort an' joy.

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His "prices falling at a stroke"
Has fallen rather flat
The Common Market policy
Has taken care of that
Yet with old time Tory cunning
He'll pu' something oot the hat,
An its tidings of comfort an' joy.

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The colliers, "sparks" an' railwaymen Are "cairryin' the can;
"We canny pey them ony mair
Its no in Phase Three plan",
But we'll splash 3,000 million
On a Channel Tunnel plan,
Sure "its" tidings of comfort an' joy.

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They unions are a dirty lot
Oor "Titled maisters" say
Theyll bring us a' tae bankruptcy
If they should get their way
Tae build a massive airfield
Is a better thing tae dae
Its "sma'" tidings of comfort an' joy.

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I'll mak a prophecy the noo Jist see if I'm no richt, That when election time draws near Ye'll get an awfu' fricht, Yer pension will be "upped" a bit, Aye, £10 is in sicht, An' its tidings of comfort an' joy.

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Hoo ony ordnar' workin'folk
Tae Parliament can send
Sae mony "Titled Gentry",
I canna comprehend,
Jist hoo ye can delude yersel
"They're "workin, for "your " end
Is a source of wonderment; no joy.

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So when it comes tae pollin day I'll gie ye some advice,
Jist scrub thae "uppish Tory squad"
"Aye dait " an' no think twice
For gin ye pit them in again
They'll "sink ye" in a trice.
An' its nae source of comfort or joy.

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Subsequent events proved my prophecy to be absolutely on the nail, yet the British public would not be bribed to re-elect Heath. ( $Wm\ Mc$ )

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(William S. McCoubrey)