



### **A Low Key Christmas info**

*A Low Key Christmas* is a 13-song “collab” album by American LoFi producer & musician, Low Key Trampoline. The Chillhop/Ambient/Jazz record presents collaborations between Low Key Trampoline and 15 other artists, featuring newly-imagined anti-traditional Christmas songs, medieval carols, and seasonal meditations.

### **Artwork**

The artwork is by Italian-based digital creator, Manuela Tobusaru.

## **Release info**

A *Low Key Christmas* releases on November 25th, 2021. Single releases for the project include:

"Silent Night" - November 17

"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" - November 20

"What Child Is This?" - November 23

## **Media**

Find the MUSIC here: [Private Soundcloud Link \(please do not share\)](#)

## **About the Project**

"I started talking to people about the project back in March of 2021, a full 8 months before my anticipated release date. I knew I wanted this to be a very special project. I wanted to work with some of the producers with whom I'd admired and collaborated with during 2020/21, and I had to get a jump on this if I was going to get done by November!

"This project is a shining representation of the incredible talent, diversity and musicality within the LoFi music community. These artists welcomed me when I arrived, supported me when I was finding my voice as Low Key Trampoline, and gradually turned into partners in collaboration leading up to this project. I feel so honored that these remarkable artists trusted me with their sounds and expressions.

"I feel this project is an exquisite example of the intense discipline, joy, and pursuit of creative freedom that marks the careers and trajectories of those involved. Plus, Christmas music can be horrible to listen to, and I wanted to create a newly imagined collection of songs that could be tolerated - and even embraced - by all of us who know there is goodness in this X-mas canon, beyond what the blare of shopping mall Christmas songs has offered to us. With the determination, creativity, and playfulness of these collaborators, I think we've made a damn good Christmas album. *Damn good.*"

- Mark Schirmacher (Low Key Trampoline)

## **About Low Key Trampoline**

Low Key Trampoline is a musical project by Minnesota, USA producer, musician, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist Mark Schirmacher. Since 2015, Mark has been writing and releasing Indie-Folk & Singer-Songwriter music under his own name,

"Mark Schirmacher," and his recent foray into Electronic / LoFi music came about after a trip to Nashville, TN in February of 2020:

"I went to Nashville to meet potential producers for a then forthcoming folk record I was planning to make. I visited Jack White's record store, Third Man Records, and was struck by his vision '...to bring tangibility and spontaneity back into the record business and issue releases that leave no doubt in the minds of listeners that music is indeed sacred.' That struck me, because I used to create music very spontaneously, directly into the hands of my friends and family, usually via homemade tapes and CDs. With the production of my past 4 "Mark Schirmacher" albums (*Broken Hearts Shine, Bird In Your Tree, Losing Things, and miles + minutes*) I had lost some of the spontaneity I started with. I wanted to revisit that vitality, that urgency of creation, the gorgeous moment of sharing your work (with warts and all) to your fans. I got back home from my Nashville trip, started playing around with GarageBand on my iPhone 10, and voila, Low Key Trampoline was born."

Mark has evolved his production of Low Key's music far beyond his iPhone 10, but still feels that music should be "of the moment, an outward transmission from our hearts, a decisive reflection of our internal landscape." Armed with this authenticity-focused mindset, he uses his vast production experience producing organic, emotionally poignant, and musically adventurous music that draws upon his appreciation of LoFi, classical, jazz, post-rock, EDM, folk music, and Chillhop.



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### **About the album's collaborators**

Artists from all over the world have collaborated to make the music on *A Low Key Christmas*: Australia, South Africa, Germany, Canada, The United Kingdom, as well as the United States - California, New Jersey, New York, Florida, and Minnesota. These artists come from wildly diverse musical disciplines: Jazz, Hip-hop, Classical,

Opera, Spoken Word, R&B, Chillhop, LoFi, Rock, and Ambient/Experimental. Each song bears the unique fingerprint of the collaborating artist, something Low Key is proud of in his collaborative projects: "I wanted to work with these artists because they have *their own sound*. I prepared the canvas by sending them an originating stem of the song I imagined them on, and then they were free to paint whatever they wanted to. It was a joy to work with their colors."

## A Low Key Christmas

1. Away In A Manger - Fred Paci, Low Key Trampoline
2. Winter Wonderland - Andy Quan, Low Key Trampoline
3. O Little Town Of Bethlehem - LoSide, Low Key Trampoline
4. What Child Is This? - Carrie Hennessey, Toivo, Low Key Trampoline
5. Do You Hear What I Hear? - Hennessey On Drums, Low Key Trampoline
6. It Came Upon A Midnight Clear - finipere, Low Key Trampoline
7. O Come, O Come Emmanuel - Boxwood Currents, Low Key Trampoline
8. Silver Bells - Curio Watts, Low Key Trampoline
9. The First Noel - Jeff Shadows, Low Key Trampoline
10. We Three Kings - Solomon Alber, Low Key Trampoline
11. Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming - InTouch, Low Key Trampoline
12. Coventry Carol - Dcthebeatmaker, Low Key Trampoline
13. Silent Night - sfmza, Clariloops, Low Key Trampoline

Produced by Low Key Trampoline  
Mastered by Alvinos Zavlis  
Artwork by Manuela Tobusaru  
Extra set of ears: Christian Andrews

All arrangements by Low Key Trampoline and all sounds you hear were made by the wonderful artists listed above. Thanks to DC, Jeff, Ruby, Solomon, Carrie & Pat, Fred, Charles, Andy, Jeremy, Meghan, and Carlton.  
~Y'all rock~

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