
Carols for Catalogers

As sung by the Anglo-American Carol Revisers

Texts by Suzanne Eggleston

The Twelve Trials of Cataloging

(Tune: *The 12 Days of Christmas*)

When I first tried to catalog,
My teacher gave to me
A statement of responsibility.

The second time I cataloged,
My teacher gave to me
Two quoted notes. . .
. . . Three access points. . .
. . . Four subject headings. . .
. . . Five options to apply. . .
. . . Six more books. . .
. . . Seven more chapters. . .
. . . Eight rule exceptions. . .
. . . Nine interpretations. . .
. . . Ten rule revisions. . .
. . . Eleven title changes. . .
. . . Twelve hardwood samples. . .

What File Is This?

(Tune: *Greensleeves*)

What file is this upon the screen,
With cryptic title that glows in green?
I saved them all and kept them all,
And now their contents I can't recall.

This, this, is my floppy disk,
With countless files in an endless list.
Haste, haste, to erase them all,
For I cannot bear to review them.

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Carol of the Demanding Patrons

(Tune: *We Wish You A Merry Christmas*)

O bring us some information,
(repeat)
(repeat)
And bring it right here!

We won't go until we get some,
(repeat)
(repeat)
So bring it right here!

We don't want those books,
Nor yet CD-ROM.
We want you to tell us,
Then we'll write it down.

Oh, bring us some information,
(repeat)
(repeat)
And bring it right now!

