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The Refugee Carol

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Verse 1

First they faced the dangers of the wild and stormy seas
Then they walked, for days they walked
The tired refugees, oh tired refugees

Verse 2

As they crossed the frozen fields far off they saw a light
The farmer standing by his gate
So late on Christmas night, oh late on Christmas night

Verse 3

He said, "Welcome weary travellers, you've come a long, long way
The barn is free if you don't mind
Sleeping on the hay, oh sleeping on the hay."

Chorus

If you don't mind the ox won't mind
The lambs won't mind, if you don't mind
The horse won't mind, the hens won't mind
The sheep won't mind, if you don't mind
Oh, sleeping on the hay
Oh, sleeping on the hay

If you don't mind the goat won't mind
The geese won't mind, if you don't mind
The cow won't mind, the cat won't mind
The mice won't mind, if you don't mind
Oh, sleeping on the hay
Oh, sleeping on the hay

Verse 4

Hush the moon is rising and the winter stars are bright
All the travellers fast asleep
Peaceful Christmas night, oh peaceful Christmas (*night*)*

Hush the moon is rising and the winter stars are bright (*stars are bright*)*
All the travellers fast asleep
Peaceful Christmas night, oh... peaceful Christmas night

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* altos (2-part version only)