

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

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GRACE WILBUR CONANT

1. Deep in the woods, the green sweet woods, A straight lit - tle, strong lit - tle
 2. All in the sun-light, all in the star-light, Blown by the winds so
 3. Now in our room, our own dear room, The straight lit - tle, strong lit - tle

The first system of music features a vocal melody in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It is accompanied by a piano introduction in the left hand, consisting of chords and single notes. The lyrics are provided for three different verses.

tree Stood stur - dy and gay, and grew ev - 'ry day; 'Twas
 free; In its thick green boughs the birds built their house: 'Twas
 tree, Grown shin - ing and tall, bears fruit for us all, This

The second system continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics describe the growth and characteristics of the Christmas tree.

marcato *sofly*
 grow - ing for you and for me, Yes, grow - ing for you and for me.
 grow - ing for you and for me, Yes, grow - ing for you and for me.
 Christ - mas for you and for me, This Christ - mas for you and for me.

The third system concludes the piece with a repeat of the phrase 'growing for you and for me'. It includes dynamic markings: *marcato* (marked) and *sofly* (softly). The piano accompaniment features a *p* (piano) marking.

CHRISTMAS SONG OF THE CHILDREN OF BETHLEHEM

English text by
WILLIAM SLOANE COFFIN
mf Allegretto

NICOLAS MARTIN
(c. 1555)

1. Proph - ets of old the won - drous sto - ry told Of heav'n - ly Child who
2. See to their homes the crowds of peo - ple come, All the proud sons of

Allegretto
mf

This system contains the first two lines of the song. It features a vocal melody in G major, 2/4 time, and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a simple harmonic accompaniment in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The tempo is marked 'Allegretto' and the dynamic is 'mf'.

to the world would come, Peace and good - will . to bring to ev - 'ry home ;
roy - al Dav - id's line ; Lo ! in this throng may be the King di - vine ;

This system contains the third and fourth lines of the song. The musical notation continues with the same key and time signature. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic support for the vocal line.

f REFRAIN
In Beth - le - hem will Christ the Lord be born. . . Now a glad Christ-mas

f

This system introduces the refrain, marked with a forte 'f' dynamic. The vocal melody is more rhythmic and energetic. The piano accompaniment also features a more active bass line. The system ends with a double bar line.

song lit - tle chil - dren sing, Well in tune, well in time, let our voic - es ring.

This system contains the final line of the song. The musical notation concludes with a final cadence in the piano part and a whole note in the vocal part. The piano accompaniment features a more active bass line.

SANTA CLAUS SO JOLLY

CHORUS

Some - thing for you, some - thing for me,

mf

In our stock-ings or on the tree, And he drives a - way with a

cresc.

cheer - y call, "Mer - ry Christ-mas to all, mer - ry Christ-mas to all."

f *rit.*

O Come, All Ye Faithful

"Adeste Fideles"

John Francis Wade, 1740-43
English lyrics by Frederick Oakeley, D.D., 1841
Arranged by Brandy Kraemer
Piano.about.com

mf (♩ = 120-180)

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the piano accompaniment and a single staff for the voice. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The score is divided into four systems, each with a measure number (1, 6, 11, 16) at the beginning. The first system starts with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The second system starts with a forte (f) dynamic. The third system starts with a mezzo-piano (mp) dynamic. The fourth system starts with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, while the voice part has a melody with lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful, and tri - um - phant! O come ye, O
1. A - des - te Fi - de - les lae - ti tri - um - phan - tes! Ven - i - te, ven -

6

co - me ye to Be - thle - hem. Come and be - hold Him,
i - te in Be - thle - hem. Na - tum vi - de - te,

11

mp *mf*

born the King of A - ngels. O come let us a - dore Him, O come let us a -
Re - gem An - gel - o - rum. Ve - ni - te a - dor - e - mus, ve - ni - te a - dor -

16

dore Him, O come let us a - dore H - im, Chri - st, the Lord!
e - mus, ve - ni - te a - dor - e - mus Do - mi - num!

A MERRY SLEIGH RIDE

A lively characteristic piece of much merit. In the quotation from the old song *Jingle Bells* the genuine *acciaccatura* "crush note" is introduced. The grace note G# and the eighth note F are played together, and the principal note A follows almost immediately, thus.

Grade 2

Vivace M.M. ♩ = 108

WALTER ROLFE

mf

f

fz

mf

f

Jin-gle bells, Jin-gle bells, Jingle all the way.

Jin-gle bells, Jin-gle all the way.

mf

mf

f accel. e cresc.

fz

Away in A Manger



SLOWLY, GENTLY

A - way in a man-ger, no crib for His bed, The lit-tle Lord
The cat-tle are low-ing, the poor Ba-by wakes, But lit-tle Lord

Je-sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky look-ing
Je-sus, no cry-ing He makes. I love Thee, Lord Je sus; look

downwhere He lay, The lit-tle Lord Je-sus a-sleep in the hay.
down from the sky, And stay by my crib, watch-ing my lul-la-by.





ALLEGRO

Jingle Bells

J. PIERPONT

1. — Dash-ing thro'the snow In a one horse o-pensleigh, —
2. A day or two a-go I thought I'd take a ride, And

o'er the fields we go, — Laugh-ing all the way; —
soon Miss Fan-nie Bright Was seat-ed by my side; The

Bells on bob-tail ring, — Mak-ing spir-its bright, What
horse was lean and lank, Mis-for-tune seem'd his lot, He

fun it is to ride and sing A sleigh-ing song to-night!
got in-to a drift-ed bank, And we, we got up-sot.

CHORUS

Jin-gle-bells! jin-gle-bells! Jin-gle all the way! Oh, what fun it is to ride in a

1. one - horse o - pen sleigh! 2. one - horse o - pen sleigh!





Silent Night

SLOWLY, WITH EXPRESSION

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright;
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Dark-ness flees, all is light;
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Won-drous Star, lend thy light;

Round yon Vir - gin Moth - er and Child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
Shep - herds hear the an - gels sing, 'Al - le - lu - ia! hail the King!
With the an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;

Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."
Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born.

Few literary products have known such a curious history as this best known and most beloved of all Christmas songs. Truly "inspired," it represents the combined efforts of Franz Gruber and Josef Mohr, schoolmaster and assistant priest, respectively, of the tiny Bavarian village of Oberndorf. ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆