AULD LANG SYNE

Words by Robert Burns 1788, music traditional Scottish, arr. A Band On Ship 2025

Intro: |Bb / C /|F / /

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      F       Dm        Gm   C
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
    F     Dm        Bb       C9
And never brought to mind?
      F       Dm        Gm   C
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
   Bb  C   F
For auld lang syne?
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Chorus:

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Bb F    Dm  Gm       C
For auld lang syne, my dear,
    F    Dm Bb     C9
For auld lang syne.
      F     Dm   Gm      C
We'll tak a cup of kindness yet
       Bb     C         F
For the sake of auld lang syne.
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Repeat chorus as required, faster if you must

DECK THE HALLS

Words by Thomas Oliphant 1862, music traditional Welsh, arr. A Band On Ship 2021

Intro: |C / G7 / |C /G7 / |

C F C F G7 C
Deck the halls with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
C F C F G7 C
Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
G7 C D7 G D7 G7
Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la la la la la, la la la.
C F C F G7 C
Sing the ancient Yule-tide carol, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

C F C F G7 C
See the blazing Yule before us, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
C F C F G7 C
Strike the harp and join the chorus, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
G7 C D7 G D7 G7
Follow me in merry measure, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
C F C F G7 C
While I tell of Yule-tide treasure, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

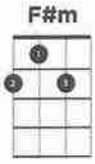
C F C F G7 C
Fast away, the old year passes, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
C F C F G7 C
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
G7 C D7 G D7 G7
Sing we joyous all together, Fa la la la la la, la la la.
C F C F G7 C
Heedless of the wind and weather, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Repeat first verse, slowing at end.

THE FIRST NOWELL

Traditional English carol, arr. A Band On Ship 2023

Intro: ¾ | D / / | D / / | G / A7 | D /



D F#m G A7 D
The first Nowell, the angel did say,
G F#m G A7 D
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
F#m G A7 D
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
G F#m G A7 D
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

(Refrain – after each verse)
D G D A7
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
G D G A7 D
Born is the King of Is-ra- el.

D F#m G A7 D G F#m G A7 D
They lookèd up and saw a star, shining in the east beyond them far;
F#m G A7 D G F#m G A7 D
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

D F#m G A7 D G F#m G A7 D
And by the light of that same star, three wise men came from country far;
F#m G A7 D G F#m G A7 D
To seek for a king was their in- tent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

D F#m G A7 D G F#m G A7 D
This star drew nigh to the north-west: o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
F#m G A7 D G F#m G A7 D
And there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.

D F#m G A7 D G F#m G A7 D
Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee,
F#m G A7 D G F#m G A7 D
And offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankin- cense.

D F#m G A7 D G F#m G A7 D
Then let us all with one ac- cord, sing praises to our heavenly Lord.
F#m G A7 D G F#m G A7 D
Who hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood mankind hath bought.

Refrain, slowing on last line.

FROSTY THE SNOWMAN

Words & music by Steve Nelson & Walter Rollins 1950, arr. A Band On Ship 2022

4 bars G

G C C#dim G
Frosty the snowman, was a jolly, happy soul,
C C#dim G Em Am D7 G D7
With a corn cob pipe and a button nose, and two eyes made out of coal,

G C C#dim G
Frosty the snowman is a fairy tale they say,
C C#dim G Em Am D7 G G7
He was made of snow, but the children know how he came to life one day.

C Bm Am D7 G
There must have been some magic in that old silk hat they found,
D A7 D D7
For when they placed it on his head he be-gan to dance a-round!

G C C#dim G
Frosty the snowman was a-live as he could be,
C C#dim G Em Am D7 G D7
And the children say he could laugh and play just the same as you and me.

G C C#dim G
Frosty the snowman knew the sun was hot that day,
C C#dim G Em Am D7 G D7
So he said "Lets run, and we'll have some fun, now be-fore I melt a-way!"

G C C#dim G
Down to the village with a broomstick in his hand,
C C#dim G Em Am D7 G G7
Running here and there all a-round the square, saying "Catch me if you can!"

C Bm Am D7 G
He led them down the streets of town, right to the traffic cop,
D A7 D D7
And he only paused a moment when he heard them holler "Stop!" *(Stop)*

G C C#dim G
Frosty the snowman had to hurry on his way,
C C#dim G Em Am D7 G D7
But he waved good-bye, saying "Don't you cry, I'll be back a-gain some day".

G C C#dim G
Frosty the snowman is a fairy tale they say,
C C#dim G Em
He was made of snow, but the children know
Am D7 G / / / | C / / / | G / / / | / D7 G / |
How he came--- to---life---one--- day.

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GRANDMA GOT RUN OVER BY A REINDEER

Words & music by Randy Brooks 1978

Intro: |Fm / / /|Fm / / /|C / / / |F / / / | ('Jingle Bells', minor to major)

Chorus:

F
Grandma got run over by a reindeer,
Bb
Walking home from our house Christmas Eve.
F
You can say there's no such thing as Santa,
C F 2 Eb Bb F
But as for me and grandpa - we believe.

C F
She'd been drinking too much eggnog, and we begged her not to go,
F7 Bb C F
but she forgot her medication, and she staggered out the door into the snow.
Dm Am C7 F
When we found her Christmas morning at the scene of the attack,
F7 Bb C F
She had hoof prints on her forehead, and incriminating Claus marks on her back.

Chorus:

C F
Now we're all so proud of grandpa, he's been taking this so well.
F7 Bb C F
See him in there watching football, drinking beer and playing cards with cousin Mel.
Dm Am C7 F
It's not Christmas without grandma; all the family's dressed in black,
F7 Bb C F
And we just can't help but wonder: should we open up her gifts or send them back!

Chorus:

C F
Now the goose is on the table, and the pudding made of fig,
F7 Bb C F
and the blue and silver candles that would just have matched the hair in Grandma's wig.
Dm Am C7 F
I've warned all my friends and neighbours, 'Better watch out for yourselves.'
F7 Bb C F
They should never give a licence to a man who drives a sleigh and plays with elves!

Chorus:

Repeat chorus to finish

HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

Hugh Martin & R Ralph Blane 1943, arr. A Band On Ship 2021

Intro: |: F / Dm7 /|Gm7 / C7 /:|

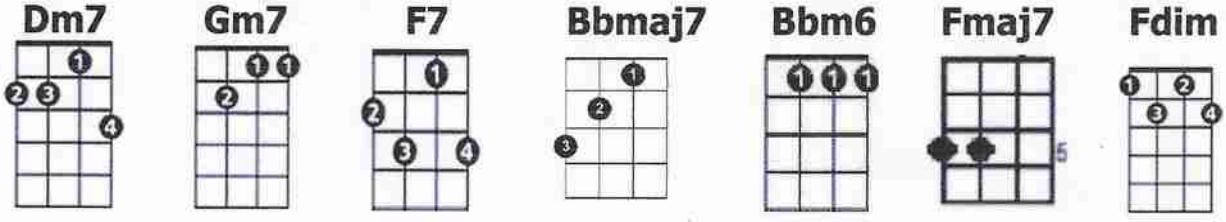
F Dm7 Gm7 C7
Have yourself a merry little Christmas;
F Dm7 Gm7 C7
Let your heart be light.
F Dm7 Gm7 C7 A7 D7 G7 C7
From now on our troubles will be out of sight.

F Dm7 Gm7 C7
Have yourself a merry little Christmas;
F Dm7 Gm7 C7
Make the Yuletide gay.
F Dm7 Gm7 A7 Dm F7
From now on our troubles will be miles away.

Bbmaj7 Bbm6 Am Fdim Gm C7 Fmaj7
Once a- gain as in olden days, happy golden days of yore,
Dm E7 Am D7
Faithful friends who were dear to us,
G7 C G7 Gm7 C7
Will be near to us once more.

F Dm7 Gm7 C7
Someday soon we all will be together,
F Dm7 Gm7 C7
If the Fates allow.
F Dm7 Gm7 A7 Dm F7
Until then, we'll have to muddle through somehow
Bbmaj7 Gm7 C7 F Bbm6 F
So have yourself a merry little Christmas now.

Repeat from bridge



THE HOLLY AND THE IVY

English folk song collected by Cecil Sharp 1909, arr. A Band On Ship 2021

Intro: ¾ |C / G7|C /

C F C F C
The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown,
F C G7 C
Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.

Chorus:

C F C F C
Oh, the rising of the sun and the running of the deer;
F C G7 C
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing of the choir.

C F C F C
The holly bears a blossom as white as lily flower,
F C G7 C
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet Saviour.

C F C F C
The holly bears a berry as red as any blood,
F C G7 C
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good.

C F C F C
The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn;
F C G7 C
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn.

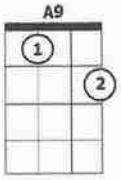
C F C F C
The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall;
F C G7 C
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all.

C F C F C
The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown,
F C G7 C
Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.

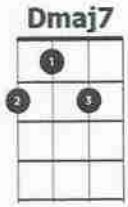
I WISH IT COULD BE CHRISTMAS EVERY DAY (G)

Words & music by Roy Wood and Wizzard 1973, arr. A Band On Ship 2021

Intro: |G / Gmaj7 / |G6 / G / |C / A9 / | D / / / |



G C
When the snowman brings the snow, well, he just might like to know,
G Em Am D7
He's put a great big smile on somebody's face.
G C A7
If you jump into your bed; quickly cover up your head.
G D F G
Don't you lock the doors; you know that sweet Santa Claus is on the way.



Chorus:

F G A D
Well, I wish it could be Christmas every day,
E7 |D / A / |E7 / / / |
When the kids start singing and the band begins to play.
A D Dmaj7 B7
Oh, I wish it could be Christmas every day.
Dmaj7 E7 D |A / D / |A D D / |
So, let the bells ring out for Christmas.

G C
When we're skating in the park, if the snow cloud paints it dark,
G Em Am D7
Then your rosy cheeks gonna light my merry way.
G C A7
Now the frosticles appear, and they've frozen up my beard,
G D F G
So, we'll lie by the fire, till the sleep simply melts them all away.

Chorus: (at end |A / / / |D / / / |)

Instrumental break: |Em / / / |Em / / / |D / / / |B7 / / / |
|Em / / / |Gm / / / |D / / / |D7 / / / |

G C
When the snowman brings the snow, well, he just might like to know,
G Em Am D7
He's put a great big smile on somebody's face.
G C A7
So, if Santa brings that sleigh, all along The Milky Way,
G D F G
I'll sign my name on the rooftop in the snow, then he may decide to stay.

Chorus: with this last line
Dmaj7 E7 D |A / / / |A let ring, then slower
So, let the bells ring out for Christmas.

Dmaj7 E7 D A
Why don't you give your love for Christmas?

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JINGLE BELLS

Words & music by James Lord Pierpont 1857, arr. A Band On Ship 2021

Intro on F

F **Bb**
Dashing through the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh,
Gm **C7** **F**
O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way.
F **Bb**
Bells on bob-tails ring, making spirits bright,
Gm **C** **C7** **F** **C7**
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight. Oh!

Chorus:
F **Bb** **F**
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way!
Bb **F** **G7** **C7**
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh, hey!
F **Bb** **F**
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way!
Bb **F** **C** **C7** **F**
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh.

F **Bb**
A day or two ago, I thought I'd take a ride,
Gm **C** **C7** **F**
And soon Miss Fanny Bright was seated by my side.
F **Bb**
The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seemed his lot;
Gm **C** **C7** **F** **C7**
We ran into a drifted bank and there we got upsot. Oh!

Chorus:

F **Bb**
A day or two ago, the story I must tell:
Gm **C** **C7** **F**
I went out on the snow and on my back I fell.
Bb
A gent was riding by in a one-horse open sleigh;
Gm **C** **C7** **F** **C7**
He laughed at me as I there lay but quickly drove away. Oh!

Chorus:

F **Bb**
Now the ground is white, go it while you're young;
Gm **C** **C7** **F**
Take the girls along and sing this sleighing song.
F **Bb**
Just bet a bobtailed bay, two forty as his speed,
Gm **C** **C7** **F** **C 7**
Hitch him to an open sleigh and crack! you'll take the lead. Oh!

Chorus: repeat chorus, slowing and rising at end.

Let It Snow

Sammy Cahn/Jule Styne, 1945 arr. A Band On Ship 2025

Intro; | F / C7 / | F / C7 / |

Verse 1

F C7 F Ddim7 C7
Oh, the weather out-side is frightful, but the fire is so de-lightful,
Gm D7 Gm Ddim7 F C7 F C7
And since we've no place to go, Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Verse 2

F C7 F Ddim7 C7
It doesn't show signs of stopping, and I brought some corn for popping,
Gm D7 Gm Ddim7 F C7 F
The lights are turned way down low, Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Chorus

C Dm G7 C
When we finally kiss goodnight, how I'll hate going out in the storm,
C F G7 C C7
But if you really hold me tight, all the way home I'll be warm.

Verse 3

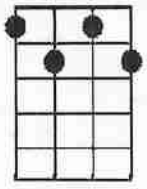
F C7 F Ddim7 C7
The fire is slowly dying, and my dear, we're still good-bye-ing,
Gm D7 Gm Ddim7 F C7 F
But as long as you love me so, Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Repeat Chorus

Repeat Verse 3 then coda;

F C7 F C7 F
Let it snow, [3,4] Let it snow, [3,4] Let it snow!

Ddim7



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MELE KALIKIMAKA

Words & music by R. Alex Anderson

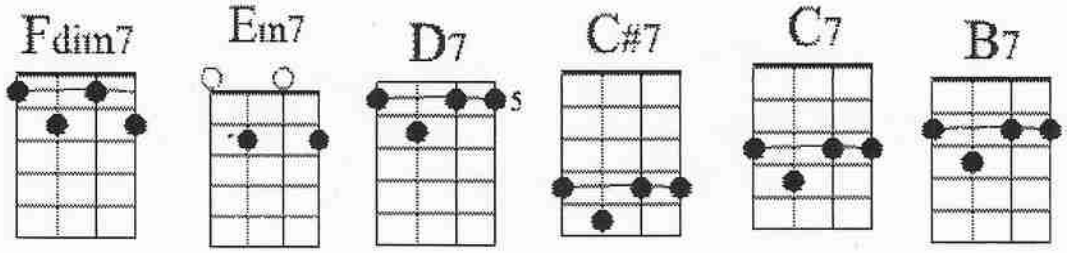
D Fdim A7
Mele Kalikimaka is the thing to say on a bright Hawaiian Christmas day.
Em7 A7 Em7 A7 D
That's the island greeting that we send to you, from the land where palm trees sway.
D7 G
Here we know that Christmas will be green and bright;
B7 E7 A7
The sun will shine by day and all the stars by night.
D 2225 D7 C#7 C7 B7 E7 A7 D 2 C7 2
Mele Kalikimaka is Hawa -ii's way to say, "Merry Christmas" to you.
~~5558~~ 5655

F Fdim C7
Mele Kalikimaka is the thing to say on a bright Hawaiian Christmas day.
Gm7 C7 Gm7 C7 F
That's the island greeting that we send to you, from the land where palm trees sway.
F7 Bb
Here we know that Christmas will be green and bright;
D7 G7 C7
The sun will shine by day and all the stars by night.
F 5558 5556 F7 E7 Eb7 D7 G7 C7
Mele Kalikimaka is Hawa- ii's way to say, "Merry Christmas",
G7 C7 G7 C7 F
A very merry Christmas, a very, very, merry, merry Christmas to you!

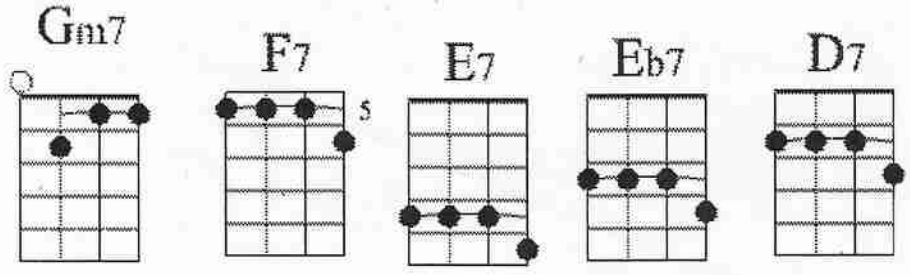
MELE KALIKIMAKA

Words and Music by R Alex Anderson

D Fdim7 A7
Mele Kalikimaka is the thing to say on a bright Haw- aiian Christmas day,
Em7 A7 Em7 A7 D
That's the island greeting that we send to you, from the land where palm trees sway,
D7 G
Here we know that Christmas will be green and bright,
B7 E7 A7
The sun will shine by day and all the stars by night,
D D7 C#7 C7 B7 E7 A7 D C7
Mele Kalikimaka is Haw - aii's way, to say "Merry Christmas" to you.



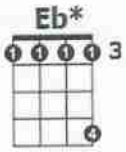
F Fdim7 C7
Mele Kalikimaka is the thing to say on a bright Haw - aiian Christmas day,
Gm7 C7 Gm7 C7 F
That's the island greeting that we send to you, from the land where palm trees sway,
F7 Bb
Here we know that Christmas will be green and bright,
D7 G7 C7
The sun will shine by day and all the stars by night,
F F7 E7 Eb7 D7 G7 C7
Mele Kalikimaka is Haw – aii's way, to say "Merry Christmas",.
G7 C7 G7 C7 F C7 F
A very Merry Christmas, to say Merry Christmas to you!

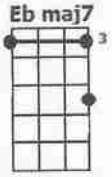


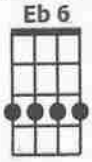
MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY (in C)

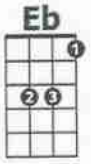
Words & music by Neville Holder and Jim Lea 1973, arr. A Band On Ship 2023

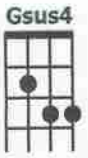
Intro: |Eb* / EbM7 /|Eb6 / Eb /|Gsus4 / / /|G / /

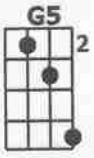












C Am Em G Gsus4 G G5
Are you hanging up a stocking on your wall?
C Am Em G Gsus4 G G5
It's the time that every Santa has a ball.
F C F C
Does he ride a red nosed reindeer? Does a ton-up on his sleigh?
Dm F G Gsus4 G
Do the fairies keep him sober for the day?

Chorus:

C Em Eb G
So here it is, Merry Christmas, everybody's having fun.
C Em Eb G
Look to the future now, it's only just begun.

C Am Em G Gsus4 G G5
Are you waiting for the family to arrive?
C Am Em G Gsus4 G G5
Are you sure you got the room to spare inside?
F C F C
Does your granny always tell you that the old songs are the best?
Dm F G Gsus4 G
Then she's up and rock and rolling with the rest.

Chorus:

Gm Eb Gm Eb F G
What will your daddy do when he sees your mama kissing Santa Claus? Ah-ha.

C Am Em G Gsus4 G G5
Are you hanging up a stocking on your wall?
C Am Em G Gsus4 G G5
Are you hoping that the snow will start to fall?
F C F C
Do you slide up and down the hillside in a buggy you have made?
Dm F G Gsus4 G
When you land upon your head then you've been slayed.

Chorus:

C Em Eb G
So here it is, Merry Christmas, everybody's having fun.
C Em Eb G
Look to the future now, it's only just begun.

Repeat chorus x 3

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MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

Words & music by Bob Heatlie 1985, arr. A Band On Ship 2024

Intro and turnaround: |F / / A7|Dm / Bb /|F / C /|F / / stop

Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh.

F A7|Dm Bb F Bb| F

Snow is falling, all around me. Children playing, having fun.

C F A7| Dm Bb F C F / / stop

It's the season, love and understanding. Merry Christmas, everyone.

F A7 Dm Bb F Bb F

Time for parties and celebration. People dancing, all night long.

C F A7 Dm Bb F C |F / / Am|

Time for presents and exchanging kisses. Time for singing Christmas songs.

Chorus:

Dm Bb F C

We're gonna have a party tonight:

Dm Bb F C Csus4 C stop

I'm gonna find that girl underneath the mistletoe. We'll kiss by candlelight.

F A7 Dm Bb F Bb F

Room is swaying, records playing all the old songs, we love to hear.

C F A7 Dm Bb F C |F / / Am|

All I wish that every day was Christmas. What a nice way, to spend the year.

Chorus:

Bb F C |Dm / Bb /|

Repeat first verse, then: Merry Christmas, everyone.

F C |F / / A7|Dm / Bb /|F / C /|F / / -

Ooh, Merry Christmas, everyone. Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh.

G B7 Em C G C G

Snow is falling, all around me, children playing, having fun.

D G B7 Em C G D G

It's the season, love and understanding. Merry Christmas, everyone.

Repeat, then

G B7 Em C G C G

Snow is falling, all around me, children playing, having fun.

D G B7 Em C G D G

It's the season, love and understanding. Merry Christmas, everyone.

C G D G Em G D

Merry Christmas, everyone. Ooh, merry Christmas, every ---

Outro: |G / / B7|Em / C /|G / D /|G - - -|

-one. Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh.

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (ADESTE FIDELES)

Words by John Francis Wade 1841, music Adeste Fideles, arr. A Band On Ship 2023

Intro: |Am / / /|D / C /|G / D /|G / /

G D G D G C G D
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.
Em D G D A D D7
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
G C G D A7 D
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.

Chorus:
G D G D G
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
Am D C G D G
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

G D G D G C G D
God of God, light of light,
Em D G D A D D7
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
G C G D A7 D
Very God, begotten, not created.

Chorus:

G D G D G C G D
Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Em D G D A D D7
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
G C G D A7 D
Glory to God, in the highest.

Chorus:

G D G D G C G D
Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Em D G D A D
Jesus, to Thee be glory given.
G C G D A7 D
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

Chorus: slowing on last line

O CHRISTMAS TREE/O TANNENBAUM (Trad German carol)

Intro: |F / G |C /

C G7 C A Dm G7 C
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, how lovely are your branches.
A Dm G7 Dm G7 F C
In summer sun and winter snow, a dress of green you always show.
C G7 C A Dm G7 C
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, how lovely are your branches.

C G7 C A Dm G7 C
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, with happiness we greet you.
A Dm G7 Dm G7 F C
When decked with candles once a year, you fill our hearts with Yuletide cheer.
C G7 C A Dm G7 C
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, with happiness we greet you.

Verse sung in German by whoever fancies it, others strum chords

C G7 C A Dm G7 C
O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, wie treu sind deine Blätter!
A Dm G7 Dm G7 F C
Du grünst nicht nur zur Sommerzeit, nein auch im Winter, wenn es schneit.
C G7 C A Dm G7 C
O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, wie treu sind deine Blätter!

C G7 C A Dm G7 C
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, how lovely are your branches.
A Dm G7 Dm G7 F C
In summer sun and winter snow, a dress of green you always show.
C G7 C A Dm G7 C
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, how lovely are your branches.

Ending: slow down on last line

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OH, LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Words by Phillips Brooks, music by Ralph Vaughan Williams 1903, arr. A Band On Ship 2023

Intro and turnaround after each verse: |C / D7 /|G / /

G C G C D7 G
Oh, little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie.
G C G C D7 G
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
G D
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light.
G C G C D7 G
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

G C G C D7 G
For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
G C G C D7 G
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
G D
Oh, morning stars together proclaim the holy birth,
G C G C D7 G
And praises sing to God the King, and Peace to men on earth.

G C G C D7 G
How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
G C G C D7 G
So God im- parts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
G D
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
G C G C D7 G
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

G C G C D7 G
Oh, holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.
G C G C D7 G
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born to us today.
G D
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.
G C G slowing C D7 G
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

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ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Words & music by Cecil Alexander & Henry Gauntlett 1849, arr. A Band On Ship 2023



Intro: |Bb / F / |C7 / F / |Bb / F / |BbM7 C7 F / |

F C7 F G7 C7 F Dm Am Bb C7 F
Once in royal David's ci- ty, stood a lowly cattle shed;
C7 F G7 C7 F Dm Am Bb C7 F
Where a mother laid her Ba-by in a manger for His bed.
Bb F C7 F Bb F BbM7 C7 F
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her lit- tle Child.

F C7 F G7 C7 F Dm Am Bb C7 F
He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all.
C7 F G7 C7 F Dm Am Bb C7 F
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall.
Bb F C7 F Bb F Bbm7 C7 F
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Sav- iour holy.

F C7 F G7 C7 F Dm Am Bb C7 F
And, through all His wondrous childhood, he would honour and o- bey;
C7 F G7 C7 F Dm Am Bb C7 F
Love and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms He lay.
Bb F C7 F Bb F BbM7 C7 F
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as He.

F C7 F G7 C7 F Dm Am Bb C7 F
For He is our childhood's pat-tern; day by day, like us, He grew.
C7 F G7 C7 F Dm Am Bb C7 F
He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles, like us He knew.
Bb F C7 F Bb F BbM7 C7 F
And He careth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.

F C7 F G7 C7 F Dm Am Bb C7 F
And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeem-ing love.
C7 F G7 C7 F Dm Am Bb C7 F
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven a- bove,
Bb F C7 F Bb F BbM7 C7 F
And He leads His children on, to the place where He is gone.

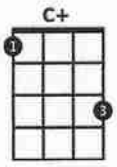
ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Words & music by Johnny Marks 1958, arr. A Band On Ship 2025

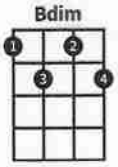
Intro: |:C / Am / |Dm7 / G7 /:|

C C6 C C6 G7
Rockin' around the Christmas tree, at the Christmas party hop.
Dm7 G7 Dm7 G7 G G7 C G7
Mistletoe hung where you can see; every couple wants to stop.

C C6 C C6 G7
Rockin' around the Christmas tree; let the Christmas spirit ring.
Dm7 G7 Dm7 G7 G C C7
Later we'll have some pumpkin pie, and we'll do some carolling.



F Em7
You will get a sentimental feeling, when you hear;
Am C+ Am7 D7 D G G7
Voices singing; "Let's be jolly; deck the halls with boughs of holly".



C C6 C C6 G7
Rockin' around the Christmas tree, have a happy holiday.
Dm7 G7 Dm7 G7 G G7 C
Everyone dancing merri-ly, in the new old-fashioned way.

Repeat whole song, but with last verse **(B° = Bdim)**

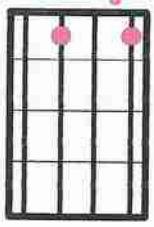
C C6 C C6 G7
Rockin' around the Christmas tree, have a happy holiday.
Dm7 G7 Dm7 G7 G B° D7 G7 |C / / /| C stop - C -|
Everyone dancing merri-ly, in the new – old – fash – ioned way.

Intro
G Gm

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

John Marks

Gmaj7



G Em Gmaj7 Em G Em Am7 D7
Rudolf the red nosed reindeer, had a very shiny nose,
Am7 D7 Am7 D7 Am7 D7 G D7 C#dim
And if you ever saw it, you would even say it glows,

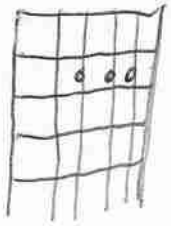
G Em Gmaj7 Em G Em Am7 D7
All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names,
Am7 D7 Am7 D7 Am7 D7 G G7
They never let poor Rudolf join in any reindeer games.

Am7



C Bm Am D7 G
Then one foggy Christmas Eve, Santa came to say,
D Bm7 Em A7 D Am D7
"Rudolf with your nose so bright, Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

G MAS 7



G Em Gmaj7 Em G Em Am7 D7
Then all the reindeer loved him, and they shouted out with glee,
Am7 D7 Am7 D7 Am7 D7 G
"Rudolf the red-nosed reindeer, You'll go down in history!"

Repeat all for 2nd time.

To finish – Repeat last line slowing at end.

This version 17/09/2021

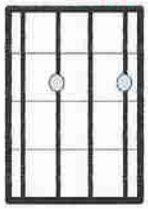
Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town

John Frederick Coots & Henry Gillespie

Straight in after 4 count

G G7 C Cm G G7 C Cm
You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why,
G Em7 Am D7 G / Em7 / Am / D7
Santa Claus is coming to town.

Em7



G G7 C Cm G G7 C Cm
He's making a list, checking it twice, gonna find out who's naughty or nice,
G Em7 Am D7 G / C / | G / / /
Santa Claus is coming to town.

G7 C G7 C
He sees you when you're sleeping, he knows when you're awake,
A7 D A7 D7 *(STOP)*
He knows if you've been bad or good, so be good for goodness sake!

G G7 C Cm G G7 C Cm
You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why,
G Em7 Am D7 G / Em7 / Am / D7
Santa Claus is coming to town.

G G7 C Cm G G7 C Cm
With little tin horns and little toy drums, rooty toot toots and rummy tum tums,
G Em7 Am D7 G Em7 Am D7
Santa Claus is coming to town.

G G7 C Cm G G7 C Cm
Curly head dolls that toddle and coo, elephant folks and kiddie cars too,
G Em7 Am D7 G / C / | G / / /
Santa Claus is coming to town.

G7 C G7 C
Santa's a busy man, he has no time to play,
A7 D A7 D7 *(STOP)*
He's got millions of stockings, to fill on Christmas Day.

G G7 C Cm G G7 C Cm
You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why,
G Em7 Am D7 G / C / | G / /
Santa Claus is coming to town.

Ending – repeat last line, slower and hold on "town".

Revised 19/09/21

SILENT NIGHT (STILLE NACHT)

Words & music by Joseph Mohr and Franz Xaver Gruber 1818, arr. A Band On Ship 2021

Intro: |:C / /|C / /:|

C **G7** **C**
Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
F **C**
'Round yon virgin, mother and child,
F **C**
Holy infant so tender and mild.
G7 **C** **G7** **C**
Sleep in heavenly peace! Sleep in heavenly peace!

C **G7** **C**
Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
F **C**
Glories stream from heaven afar,
F **C**
Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah.
G7 **C** **G7** **C**
Christ the Saviour is born! Christ the Saviour is born!

C **G7** **C**
Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light.
F **C**
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
F **C**
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
G7 **C** **G7** **C**
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Original German lyrics:

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht.Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh! Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, Hirten erst kundgemacht,
Durch der Engel Halleluja, tönt es laut von fern und nah:
Christ, der Retter ist da! Christ, der Retter ist da!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, Gottes Sohn, o wie lacht
Lieb' aus deinem göttlichen Mund, da uns schlägt die rettende Stund'.
Christ, in deiner Geburt! Christ, in deiner Geburt!

SILVER BELLS

Words & music by Jay Livingston & Ray Evans 1950, arr. A Band On Ship 2023

Intro: ¾ | E7 / / | E7 / / | A / D | A /

A D A D
City sidewalks, busy sidewalks dressed in holiday style;
E7 A D A
In the air there's a feeling of Christmas.
A D A D
Children laughing, people passing, meeting smile after smile,
E7 A D A
And on every street corner you hear:

Chorus:
A D E7 A
Silver bells, (silver bells), silver bells, (silver bells), it's Christmas time in the city.
A D
Ring-a-ling, (ring-a-ling), hear them ring, (hear them ring),
E7 A D A
Soon it will be Christmas Day.

A D A D
Strings of street lights, even stop lights, blink a bright red and green,
E7 A D A
As the shoppers run home with their treasures.
A D A D
Hear the snow crush, see the kids rush. This is Santa's big scene,
E7 A D A
And above all the bustle you hear:

Chorus:
A D E7 A
Silver bells, (silver bells), silver bells, (silver bells), it's Christmas time in the city.
A D
Ring-a-ling, (ring-a-ling), hear them ring, (hear them ring),
E7 A D A
Soon it will be Christmas Day.

Repeat first verse and chorus, then, slowing:

E7 A D A
Soon it will be Christmas Day.

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STOP THE CAVALRY

Words & music by Jona Lewie 1980, arr. A Band On Ship 2025

Intro: |:C / / /|G / / /:|

C G C G
Hey, Mr. Churchill, comes over here, to say we're doing splendidly.
C G C G
But it's very cold, out here in the snow, marching to and from the enemy.
C G C G |C / / /|C / / /|
Oh, I say it's tough; I have had enough, can you stop the cavalry?

Break with kazoos: |C / / /|G / / /|(x8) |C / / /|G / / /|C / G /|C / / /|C / / /|

C G C G
I have had to fight, almost every night, down throughout these centuries.
C G C G |C / / /|C / / /|
That is when I say, oh yes, yet again; can you stop the cavalry?

G C G C
Mary Bradley, waits at home, in the nuclear fallout zone.
G C G |C / / /|C / / /|C / / /|C / / /|
Wish I could be dancing now, in the arms of the girl I love.

*G
Dub-a-dub-a-dum-dum, dub-a-dub-a-dum, dub-a
C
Dum-dum-dub-a-dum, dub-a-dub-a-dum. **Repeat**
Bb F *
Wish I was at home for Christmas.

|:C / F /|C / / /:|C / F /|C / F /|C / F /|C / / /|C / / /|

C G C G
Bang goes another bomb, on another town, while the Tzar and Jim have tea.
C G C G
If I get home, live to tell the tale, I'll run for all Presidencies.
C G stop C G C
If I get elected, I'll stop; I will stop the cavalry.

Break with kazoos: |C / / /|G / / /|(x8) |C / / /|G / / /|C / G /|C / / /|C / / /|

Repeat from * to *
G C G C
Wish I could be dancing now, in the arms of the girl I love.
G C G |C / / /|C / / /|C / / /|C / / /|
Mary Bradley waits at home, she's been waiting two years long.

Bb F
Wish I was at home for Christmas.

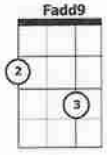
slowing
Outro: |:C / F /|C / / /:|C / F /|C / F /|C / F /|C - - -|

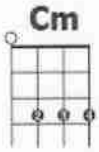
WALKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Words & music by Richard B. Smith and Felix Bernard 1934, arr. A Band On Ship 2025

Intro: |C / F7 / |Bb / /









Bb BbM7 Gm Bb F Fadd9 F7
Sleigh bells ring, are you listening? In the lane, snow is glistening;
F Eb Dm Cm C7 F7 Bb
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight, walking in a winter wonderland.

Bb BbM7 Gm Bb F Fadd9 F7
Gone away is the bluebird, here to stay is a new bird;
F Eb Dm Cm C7 F7 Bb
He sings a love song, as we go along, walking in a winter wonderland.

D G D G D
In the meadow we can build a snowman, then pretend that he is Parson Brown.
F Bb F
He'll say, 'Are you married?' We'll say 'No, man,
G7 C7 F F7
But you can do the job when you're in town.'

Bb BbM7 Gm Bb F Fadd9 F7
Later on, we'll conspire, as we dream by the fire,
F Eb Dm Cm C7 F7 Bb
To face unafraid, the plans that we've made, walking in a winter wonderland.

D G D G D
In the meadow we can build a snowman, and pretend that he's a circus clown.
F Bb F G7 C7 F F7
We'll have lots of fun with mister snowman, until the other kids knock him down.

Bb BbM7 Gm Bb F Fadd9 F7
When it snows, ain't it thrilling, though your nose gets a chilling.
F Eb Dm Cm C7 F7 Bb
We'll frolic and play, all through the day, walking in a winter wonderland.

C7 F7 Bb
Walking in a winter wonderland.

C7 F7 Bb
Walking (2, 3) in a winter (2, 3) wonderland.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Trad. Arr. A Band On Ship 2021

C F D7 G7
We wish you a merry Christmas, we wish you a merry Christmas,
E7 Am F G7 C
We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
G Am D7 G7
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
C G F G7 C
We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

C F D7 G7
Oh, bring us some figgy pudding, oh, bring us some figgy pudding,
E7 Am F G7 C
Oh, bring us some figgy pudding, and bring it right here.
G Am D7 G7
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
C G F G7 C
We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

C F D7 G7
We won't go until we get some, we won't go until we get some,
E7 Am F G7 C
We won't go until we get some, so bring it right here.
G Am D7 G7
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
C G F G7 C
We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

C F D7 G7
We all like our figgy pudding, we all like our figgy pudding,
E7 Am F G7 C
We all like our figgy pudding, with all its good cheers.
G Am D7 G7
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
C G F G7 C
We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

C F D7 G7
We wish you a merry Christmas, we wish you a merry Christmas,
E7 slowing Am F G7 C
We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

WHITE CHRISTMAS

Words & music by Irving Berlin 1942, arr. A Band On Ship 2021

Intro: |G / / / |Am / D7 / |G / / / |D7 / / / |

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G                    Am   D
I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,
C              D7              G
  Just like the ones I used to know;
                    G7
Where the treetops glisten,
    C       Cm
And children listen
  G    Em7                Am    D7
To hear sleigh bells in the snow.

G                    Am   D
I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,
C              D7              G
  With every Christmas card I write.
                    G7        C       Cm
May your days be merry and bright,
          G  Em7  C       D7    G
And may all your  Christmases be white.
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WOMBLING MERRY CHRISTMAS

Words & music by Mike Batt 1974

Intro: |D / / /|D / / C6|D / / /|D / / /|Em / / /|A / / /|D / Dmaj7 /|D6 / D /|

Em A G D |G / D /|D / / /|D / / C6|
We wish you a Wombling Merry Christmas.

D A D7 G
Open your eyes, look to the skies when you're lonely:
Bb D A Em7 A
There will be stars shining for you.
D A D7 G
Sleepers awake, it's getting late, snow is falling;
Bb D Em A stop A.A.
The whole wide world is Wombling too.

Chorus:
G D B7
All day long we will be Wombling in the snow.
Em A G D A
We wish you a Wombling Merry Christmas.
G D B7
All day long we will be laughing as we go.
Em A G D |G / D /|D / / /|D / / C6|
We wish you a Wombling Merry Christmas.

D A D7 G
Under the ground there is the sound of a symphony;
Bb D A Em7 A
The lights are low, the fire is bright.
D A D7 G
Wombling through, I'll tune in to you, you tune in to me.
Bb D Em A
We'll send a message into the night.

Chorus:

6 strikes

Break: |Em / / /|A / / /|D / Dmaj7 /|D6 / D /|Em / / /|A / / /|G / / /|A stop

Chorus:
G D B7
All day long we will be Wombling in the snow.
Em A G D A
We wish you a Wombling Merry Christmas.
G D B7
All day long we will be laughing as we go.
Em A G D G D
We wish you a Wombling Merry Christmas.