

A Christmas Carol

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Merrily

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). It features a melody of eighth notes in the right hand and a bass line of quarter notes in the left hand. The dynamic marking is *mf*.

Chord progression: F, D7, G7, C7

Christ-mastime is here, by gol - ly, Dis - ap - pro - val would be fol - ly,
la-tions, spar-ing no expense, 'll Send some use-less old u - ten - sil,

Chord progression: F, F7, Bb, Bbm, F, G7, C7

Deck the halls with hunks of hol - ly, Fill the cup and don't say when.
Or a match-ing pen and pen - cil. ('Just the thing I need! How nice!') It

Chord progression: F, D7, G7, C7

Kill the tur-keys, ducks and chick-ens, Mix the punch, drag out the Dick-ens,
does-n't mat-ter how sin-cere it Is, nor how heart - felt the spir-it,

F F7 B \flat B \flat m F Gm7 ¹C7 F

E - ven though the pros-pect sick-ens, Broth-er, here we go a - gain. On
Sen-ti-ment will not en-dear it, What's im-por-tant

F7 B \flat B \flat m F

Christ-mas Day you can't get sore, Your fel-low man you must a-dore, There's

Dm D \flat + F G7 C G7 C7

time to rob him all the more The oth-er three hundred and six-ty four. Re-

poco a poco ritard.

²C7 F Slower C F C F Am B \flat Gm F C F

is the price. Hark, the Her -ald Trib -une sings, Ad-ver-tis - ing won-droustings. God

Faster

Slower

Dm A7 Dm Am B \flat F B \flat A Dm Gm A

F

rest you mer - ry merchants, may you make the Yuletide pay. An - gels we have

The first system of music features a vocal line in the treble clef and piano accompaniment in the grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked 'Faster' and the dynamics include a double bar line with repeat dots. The lyrics are: 'rest you mer - ry merchants, may you make the Yuletide pay. An - gels we have'.

Gm7 C7 F F C7 F C7 F Tempo I

heard on high Tell us to go out and buy! So let the rau - cous

The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The tempo is marked 'Tempo I'. The lyrics are: 'heard on high Tell us to go out and buy! So let the rau - cous'.

D7 G7 C7 F C7

sleigh - bells jin - gle, Hail our dear old friend Kriss Kringle, Driv - ing his reindeer a -

The third system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'sleigh - bells jin - gle, Hail our dear old friend Kriss Kringle, Driv - ing his reindeer a -'.

D7 Gm D7 Gm C7 F C7 F

cross the sky. Don't stand underneath when they fly by.

The fourth system concludes the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'cross the sky. Don't stand underneath when they fly by.'.