#### **Holiday Sing Along**

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**Welcome!** Each year I try to make the songbook a little better, a little different with new additions, a little more familiar with some favorites, and a lot easier to read. Suggestions for next year are welcome! You can email them to me at <a href="mailto:alyna.waters@gmail.com">alyna.waters@gmail.com</a>. Errors happen and they are most likely mine, so I apologize in advance.

These are the songs listed in the order they appear but you can request whatever songs you feel moved to sing.

**PRINTING TIPS:** If you prefer to print these instead of downloading to a device, I suggest printing these single sided and, before you punch holes in these and put them in a notebook, face the two page songs together so they will open like a book to make it easier to read. I have lined up everything so that holes should not interfere with lyrics on any song sheets I created.

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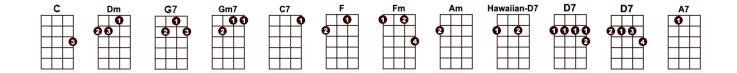
"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

"Up on the Housetop"

"White Christmas"
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# "Baby, It's Cold Outside"

Frank Loesser



4/4

Island strum works well for this song

/ = single down strums, - = half measure This song is a call and response between the "mouse" (the guest) and the "wolf" (the host). I've lined the parts up as much as possible (it's not perfect) so that everyone can see where they play and how it lines up with the other part. I've highlighted the "wolf" part in the light gray so that it works with all printers.

I [C]really can't stay [C]  [C] But baby it's [C]cold outside  I've [Dm-]got to go a[-G7]way [Dm-] [-G7]  [Dm-] But [-G7]baby it's [Dm-]cold out[-G7]side  This [C]evening has been [C]  [C] Been hoping that [C]you'd drop in  So very [Gm7/]nice [C7/] ← these are soft ← single strums
My [F]mother will start [F]worry My [F] [F]Beautiful, what's your hurry?
[Fm]father will be pacing the [Fm]floor So [Fm] Listen to the fireplace roar
[C]really I'd better [Am]scurry Well,
[C] [Am] Beautiful, please don't hurry
[D7]maybe just a half a drink [G7/]more
[D7] Put some records on while I pour
The [C]neighbors might think [C] [C] But baby it's [C]bad out there  Say, [Dm-]what's in this [-G7]drink? [Dm-] [-G7]  [Dm-] [-G7]No cabs to be [Dm-]had out [-G7]there  I [C]wish I knew how [C] To break this  [C] Your eyes are like [C]stars right now  [Gm7/]spell [C7/] ← these are soft  [Gm7/] I'll take your [C7/]hat, your hair looks swell ← single strums
I [F]ought to say, "No, no, [F]no sir"  [F]
Unison → AhBaby, but it's [D7-]cold [-G7]out[C]side

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I [C]simply must go
                              [C]
                But, baby, it's [C]cold outside
[C]
The [Dm-]answer is [-G7]no
                                  [Dm-]
                                             [-G7]
                But,[-G7]baby, it's [Dm-]cold [-G7]outside
    [Dm-]
The [C]welcome has been
                                So nice and
                 How lucky that [C]you dropped in
    [Gm7/]warm
                         [C7/]
                                               Μv
                                                      ← these are soft
             Look out the [C7/]window at that storm ← single strums
[Gm7/1
[F]sister will be su[F]spicious
                                            Μv
                 [F] Gosh, your lips look delicious
[Fm]brother will be there at the [Fm]door
                                                              Μv
                                     Waves upon a tropical shore
                               [Fm]
[C]maiden aunt's mind is [C]vicious
[C]
                        [C]Gosh your lips are delicious
[D7]maybe just a cigarette [G7]more
                                                         I've
                          [G71
                                 Never such a blizzard before
[D7]
[C]got to get home
                           [C]
           But, baby, you'd [C]freeze out there
[C]
Say, [Dm-]lend me a [-G7]coat
                                        [Dm-]
                                                         [-G7]
                     [-G7]It's up to your [Dm-]knees out [-G7]there
    [Dm-]
You've [C]really been grand
                                    [C]
                                             But don't you
                    I thrill when you [C]touch my hand
                         [C7/1
                                                There's
[Gm7/]see?
                                                          ← these are soft
[Gm7/]
            How can you [C7/]do this thing to me?
                                                          ← single strums
[F]bound to be talk to[F]morrow
                          Think of my lifelong sorrow
[F]
                     [F]
[Fm]least there will be plenty [Fm]implied
                                     If you caught pneumonia and died
                             [Fm]
[C]really can't stay
                           [A7]
[C]
             Get over that [A7]hold out
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Loesser wrote this song in 1944 to sing with his wife, Lynn Garland. They sang it at their housewarming party to let guests know it was time to leave. "What's in this drink?" was a phrase that was utilized at the time when people were a little surprised at being intoxicated so quickly, it wasn't drugged. Of course, by today's standards, the lyrics have a very different feel because of the problems we face with date rape drugs and issues of consent, whereas this husband and wife duet had a bit of innocence to it.

He sold the song in 1948 to MGM for the movie, *Neptune's Daughter*. (Which are the lyrics and timing I've based this version on.)

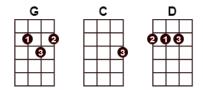
It was a very popular song getting Frank and Lynn invited to a slew of parties to perform at the end, and won the Academy Award for Best Original Song in 1950.

#### Created by Alyna Waters for educational purposes.

Unison → AhBaby, but it's [D7-]cold [-G7]out[C]side

#### "Christmas in Prison"

John Prine



3/4

Suggested strumming pattern is single downstrums or you can do a thumb pinch-pinch fingerpicking pattern. The second line of the chorus really does have an extra measure of D, as indicated, so please don't rush into the third line.

#### [G][G][C][C] [G][G][D][G] [G][G][G]

It was [G]Christmas in [G]prison and the [C]food was real [C]good We had [G]turkey and [G]pistols [G]carved out of [D]wood And I [G]dream of her [G]always, even [C]when I don't [C]dream Her [G]name's on my [G]tongue and her [D]blood's in my [G]stream

#### **CHORUS**

[D]Wait a [D]while e[C]terni[G]ty
[C]Old Mother [C]Nature's got [G]nothing on [D]me [D]
[G]Come to me, [G]run to me, [C]come to me [C]now
We're [G]rolling my [G]sweetheart, we're [D]flowing by [G]god

She re[G]minds me of a [G]chess game with [C]someone I ad[C]mire Or a [G]picnic in the [G]rain [G]after a prairie [D]fire Her [G]heart is as [G]big as this [C]whole goddamn [C]jail And she's [G]sweeter than [G]saccharin at a [D]drug store [G]sale

#### -CHORUS-

The [G]search light in the [G]big yard swings [C]'round with the [C]gun And [G]spotlights the [G]snowflakes like the [G]dust in the [D]sun It's [G]Christmas in [G]prison, there'll be [C]music to [C]night I'll [G]probably get [G]homesick, I [D]love you, good[G]night

#### -CHORUS-

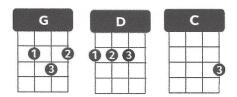
[G][G][C][C][G][G][G][G][G/] single downstrum if ending; keep fingerpicking if moving to, "Silent Night"

Suggestion: Go straight from this song into, "Silent Night."

John Prine (1946-2020) began playing guitar as a young teenager (14), but really wasn't "discovered" until 1971. He is considered one of the most influential songwriters of his generation. He died at only 73 from complications caused by COVID-19.

# SILENT NIGHT

by Franz Xaver Gruber



WALTZ STRUM: pick d d

TIMING: 1 per chord

or

**FINGERPICKING:** 1-2-3-4-3-2

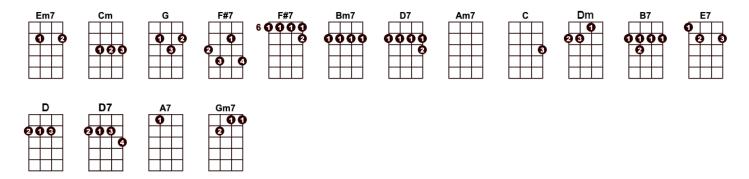
TIMING: 1 per chord

INTRO	G	
VERSE	G G Silent night D D	G G holy night G G
	all is calm  C C 'Round yon virgin	all is bright  G G  mother and child
	C C holy infant so	G G tender and mild
	D D Sleep in heavenly	G G peace
	G D sleep in heavenly	G G / (flourish) peace
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G / G /	G / G /
Silent night, holy night!	Silent night, holy night
D / G /	D / G /
Shepherds quake at the sight	Son of God, love's pure light
C / G /	C / G /
Glories stream from heaven afar	Radiant beams from Thy holy face
C / G /	C / G /
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!	With the dawn of redeeming grace
D / G /	D / G /
Christ, the Saviour is born	Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth
G D G /	G D G/
Christ, the Saviour is born	Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth (Repeat 1st verse)

#### "The Christmas Song"

Bob Wells and Mel Tormé



4/4

Suggested strumming pattern is one or two soft thumb strums per chord, unless otherwise indicated by a /= one strum.

#### [Em7] [Cm] [G] [F#7] [Bm7] [Cm] [D7/]

[G]Chestnuts [Am7]roasting on an [Bm7]open fire [C] [G]Jack Frost [Dm]nipping at your [C]nose [B7] [Em7]Yuletide [Cm]carols being [G]sung by a [F#7]choir And [Bm7]folks dressed [Cm]up like Eski[D7]mos [D7]

Everybody [G]knows a [Am7]turkey and some [Bm7]mistletoe [C] [G]Help to [Dm]make the season [C]bright [B7] [Em7]Tiny [Cm]tots with their [G]eyes all a[F#7]glow Will [Bm7/]find it [E7/]hard to [Am7/]sleep [D7/]to[G]night [G]

They know that [Dm///]Santa's on his [G///]way
He's loaded [Dm]lots of toys and [G]goodies on his [Dm]sleigh [G]
And every [Gm7///]mother's child is gonna [Cm]spy [Dm]
To see if [Em7]reindeer really [A7]know how to [D]fly [D7]

And [G]so I'm [Am7]offering this [Bm7]simple phrase [Am7] To [G]kids from [Dm]one to ninety-[C]two [B7] [Em7]Although it's been [Cm]said many [G]times many [F#7]ways [Bm7]Merry [Em7]Christ[Am7]mas [D7]to [G]you Rit.

[Bm7]Merry [Em7]Christ[Am7]mas [D7]to [G]you

This song was written in July 1945 within 40 minutes. Bob and Mel were really hot and thought if they thought cool thoughts they would stay cooler and didn't even realize they were writing a song at first. The Nat King Cole Trio recorded the song in 1946 and that recording was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 1974. It was recorded by Cole a second time in 1946, and again in 1953 and 1961. The Library of Congress chose the 1961 Nat King Cole recording to be preserved in the U.S. National Recording Registry for being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant."

Colorado Christmas Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

[C]Looking out the window of this [Dm]hollywood hotel [G]You'd never know that it was Christmas [C]Eve The [C]billboards and the neon took the [Dm]place of silver bells And the [G]temperature is 84 [C]degrees

[Am]I can hear the traffic on the [Em]crowded strip below [Am]As the palm trees poke their heads above the [Em]scene There's [C]not a single reindeer and it [Dm]hardly ever snows And [G]Santa drives a Rolls Royce limou[C]sine

But [Am]all along the rockies you can [Em]feel it in the air From [Am]Telluride to Boulder down be[Em]low The [C]closest thing to heaven on this [Dm]planet anywhere Is a [G]quiet christmas morning in the Colorado [C]snow

I [C]remember Christmases when I was [Dm]just a boy In the [G]morning I would run to see the [C]tree And the [C]carolers on the hillside sang their [Dm]songs of christmas joy Well, I [G]always thought they sang them just for [C]me

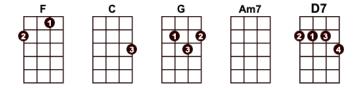
[Am]Now the sun is setting in the [Em]California sky
And I [Am]can't find the spirit any[Em]where
So I [C]think it's time for me to tell Los [Dm]Angeles goodbye
I'm [G]going back home to look for Christmas [C]there

But [Am]all along the rockies you can [Em]feel it in the air From [Am]Telluride to Boulder down be[Em]low The [C]closest thing to heaven on this [Dm]planet anywhere Is a [G]quiet christmas morning in the Colorado [C]snow

#### "Deck the Halls"

#### Traditional

Welsh melody from sixteenth century winter carol, "Nos Galan", with English lyrics by Thomas Oliphant, 1862



4/4

A "-" indicates a split measure, in this case, 2 beats. A "I" indicates a single downstrum. Pay attention when we get to the end and *please don't rush*!

#### [F-] [-C] [G-] [-C] [C] [C]

[C]Deck the halls with [C]boughs of holly

[F-]Fa la la [-C]laa la [G-]la la [-C]la

[C]'Tis the season [C]to be jolly

[F-]Fa la la [-C]laa la [G-]la la [-C]la

[G]Don we now our [C]gay apparel

[C-]Fa la la [-Am7]la la la [D7-]la la [-G]la

[C]Troll the ancient [C]Yuletide carol

[F-]Fa la la [a [-C]laa la [G-]la la [-C]la

[C]See the blazing [C]Yule before us

[F-]Fa la la [-C]laa la [G-]la la [-C]la

[C]Strike the harp and [C]join the chorus

[F-]Fa la la la [-C]laa la [G-]la la [-C]la

**[G]**Follow me in **[C]**merry measure

[C-]Fa la la [-Am7]la la la [D7-]la la [-G]la

[C]While I tell of [C]Yuletide treasure

[F-]Fa la la [-C]laa la [G-]la la [-C]la

[C]Fast away the [C]old year passes

[F-]Fa la la la [-C]laa la [G-]la la [-C]la

[C]Hail the new, ye [C]lads and lasses

[F-]Fa la la [-C]laa la [G-]la la [-C]la

[G]Sing we joyous [C]all together

[C-]Fa la la [-Am7]la la la [D7-]la la [-G]la

[C]Heedless of the [C]wind and weather

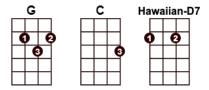
[F-]Fa la la la [-C]laa la [G-]la la [-C]la

Watch! Joyously and forte

[F/]Fa [F/]la [F/]la [C/]la [C/]la [G/]la [G/]la [C/]la

#### "Feliz Navidad"

José Feliciano



4/4

Island strum works well for this song; / = single down strums

#### [G] [G/]

Feliz Navi[C]dad, [D7] feliz Navi[G]dad [G]

Feliz Navi[C]dad próspero [D7]año y felici[G]dad [G/]

Feliz Navi[C]dad, [D7] feliz Navi[G]dad [G]

Feliz Navi[C]dad próspero [D7]año y felici[G]dad [G/]

I wanna wish you a [C]merry Christmas, [D7]I wanna wish you a [G]merry Christmas [G]

I wanna wish you a [C]merry Christmas from the [D7]bottom of my [G]heart [G/]

I wanna wish you a [C]merry Christmas, [D7]I wanna wish you a [G]merry Christmas [G]

I wanna wish you a [C]merry Christmas from the [D7]bottom of my [G]heart [G/]

Feliz Navi[C]dad, [D7] feliz Navi[G]dad [G]

Feliz Navi[C]dad próspero [D7]año y felici[G]dad [G/]

Feliz Navi[C]dad, [D7] feliz Navi[G]dad [G]

Feliz Navi[C]dad próspero [D7]año y felici[G]dad [G/]

I wanna wish you a [C]merry Christmas, [D7]I wanna wish you a [G]merry Christmas [G]

I wanna wish you a [C]merry Christmas from the [D7]bottom of my [G]heart [G/]

I wanna wish you a [C]merry Christmas, [D7]I wanna wish you a [G]merry Christmas [G]

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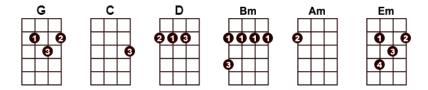
Possible rit. - watch!

I wanna wish you a [C]merry Christmas from the [D7]bottom of my [G]heart [G/] [GUTU]

José Feliciano is a Puerto Rican musician who was born blind. He taught himself to play the accordion when he was seven and got his first guitar when he was nine. He would play guitar up to 14 hours a day! His accolades include, but are not limited to, induction to the International Latin Music Hall of Fame (2000), the Latin Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award (2011), and induction into the Latin Songwriters Hall of Fame (2013).

#### "Frosty the Snowman"

Walter "Jack" Rollins and Steve Nelson



4/4

Island strum works well for this song

/ = single down strums, - = half measure,

**[G]**Frosty the **[G]**Snowman was a **[C]**jolly, happy **[G]**soul, With a **[C]**corncob pipe and a **[G]**button nose And two **[D]**eyes made out of **[G]**coal.

[G]Frosty the [G]Snowman is a [C]fairy tale they [G]say, He was [C]made of snow but the [G]children know How he [D]came to life one [G/]day.

There [C]must have been some [Bm]magic in that [Am-]Old silk [-D]hat they [G]found, For [D]when they placed it [D]on his head, He [Em]began to dance [D/]around.

**[G]**Frosty the **[G]**Snowman was **[C]**alive as he could **[G]**be, And the **[C]**children say he could **[G]**laugh and play Just the **[D]**same as you and **[G]**me.

[G]Frosty the [G]Snowman knew the [C]sun was hot that [G]day, So he [C]said, "Let's run, we'll [G]have some fun Now [D]before I melt a[G]way."

**[G]**Down to the **[G]**village with a **[C]**broomstick in his **[G]**hand, Running **[C]**here and there all **[G]**around the square Saying, **[D]**"Catch me if you **[G/]**can!"

He [C]lead them down the [Bm]streets of town Right [Am-]to the [-D]traffic [G]cop, And he [D]only paused a [D]moment when He [Em]heard him holler, [D/]"Stop!"

For **[G]**Frosty the **[G]**Snowman had to **[C]**hurry on his **[G]**way, But he **[C]**waved goodbye, saying, **[G]**"Don't you cry, I'll be **[D]**back again some **[G]**day!"

[G///]Thumpity, thump-thump, [G///]thumpity, thump-thump, [G]Look at Frosty, [D]go!
[D///]Thumpity, thump-thump, [D7///]thumpity, thump-thump, [D]Over the [D]hills of [G]sno[C]o[G]ow!!! [G/][G/]

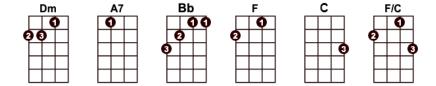
Rollins and Nelson also wrote the popular, "Here Comes Peter Cottontail."

#### **Medley of**

#### "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" and "We Three Kings of Orient"

Traditional English carol

John Henry Hopkins Jr.



4/4

Loosely based on the popular Barenaked Ladies and Sarah McLachlan medley. Island strum works well for the majority of this medley. f = single down strums, f = half measure

#### [Dm-][-A7] [Dm-][-A7] [Dm-][-A7] [Dm/]

God [Dm]rest ye merry [Dm]gentlemen, let [Bb]nothing you dis[A7]may Re[Dm]member Christ our [Dm]savior was [Bb]born upon this [A7]day To [Bb]save us all from [F]Satan's power when [Dm]we were gone a[C]stray

Oh [F]tidings of [C]comfort and [Dm]joy, comfort and [C]joy Oh [F]tidings of [C]comfort and [Dm]joy

#### [Dm-][-A7] [Dm-][-A7] [Dm/]

From [Dm]God our heavenly [Dm]Father this [Bb]blessed angel [A7]came And [Dm]unto certain [Dm]shepherds brought [Bb]tidings of the [A7]same How [Bb]that in Bethle[F]hem was born the [Dm]son of God by [C]name

Oh [F]tidings of [C]comfort and [Dm]joy, comfort and [C]joy Oh [F]tidings of [C]comfort and [Dm]joy

#### [Dm-][-A7] [Dm-][-A7] [Dm/]

[C/]Ohh[C7/]ohh! ← Soft single strums; might hold - watch leader!
[F]Star of [F]wonder, [Bb]star of [F]night
[F]Star with [F]royal [Bb]beauty [F]bright
[Dm]Westward [C]leading, [Bb]still pro[C]ceeding
[F]Guide us [F]to thy [Bb]perfect [F]light

#### [Dm-][-A7] [Dm-][-A7] [Dm/]

[Dm]Born a [Dm]king on [A7]Bethlehem's [Dm]plain [Dm]Gold I [Dm]bring to [A7]crown Him [Dm]again [Dm]King for[C]ever, [F]ceasing [F/C]never [Dm]Over us [A7]all to [Dm]reign

[C/]Ohh[C7/]ohh! ← Soft single strums; might hold - watch leader!
[F]Star of [F]wonder, [Bb]star of [F]night
[F]Star with [F]royal [Bb]beauty [F]bright
[Dm]Westward [C]leading, [Bb]still pro[C]ceeding
[F]Guide us [F]to thy [Bb]perfect [F]light

#### [Dm-][-A7] [Dm-][-A7] [Dm-][-A7] [Dm/]

[Dm]Glorious [Dm]now, be[A7]hold Him a[Dm]rise [Dm]King and [Dm]God and [A7]sacri[Dm]fice [Dm]Halle[C]lujah, [F]halle[F/C]lujah [Dm]Worship Him, [A7]God most [Dm]high

Ending may vary depending on leaders; please watch.

[C/]Ohh[C7/]ohh! ← Soft single strums; might hold - watch leader!

[F]Star of [F]wonder, [Bb]star of [F]night

[F]Star with [F]royal [Bb]beauty [F]bright

[Dm]Westward [C]leading, [Bb]still pro[C]ceeding

[F]Guide us [F]to thy [Bb]perfect [F]light

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" is as old as at least the 1650s, where a version was found with the lyrics, "Sit yo merry gentlemen" and other minor changes, but is wholly recognizable. It could be as old as the 16th century. The first known printed version was around 1760. The story is based on Luke 2. These lyrics also have another tune known as "Cornish" that is newer, seen in print by 1833, although the current melody as we know it was published in 1855, the tune is clearly much older. Roud 394

"We Three Kings of Orient" was written in 1857 (published in 1863) for a Christmas pageant in NYC while Hopkins was serving as a rector in Williamsport, PA. This Christmas carol was written in  $\frac{3}{2}$  and was the first one written in America to become popular. The original centers around Matthew 2:1, where the Magi visit Jesus to bring him gifts; each of the Magus have a solo and then the Magi sing together for the first and last verse, totalling five verses. Meter 8.8.4.4.6

# HANUKKAH, OH HANUKKAH

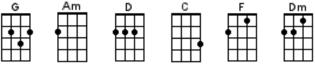
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Ukulele arrangement by Cynthia Lin, <a href="http://cynthialin.com/ukulele">http://cynthialin.com/ukulele</a>

counts: 1 & 2 & Am **E7** Dm beginner:  $\int d$ D d D ] per chord on low G, try a bouncing bass line variation Ø pick & strum: [pickG-strum-pickC-strum] per chord 0 you can use your thumb to pick, index to strum **INTRO** Am **VERSE** Am Am Am E7/ Am/ Oh Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah Come light the me -no -rah Am Am E7/ Am/ Am We'll all dance the ho -ra Let's have a party C **E7** Am Gather 'round the table, we'll give you a treat C C **E7** Am Dreidels to play with and latkes to eat **BRIDGE** Am Dm/ Am Dm/ Am Dm/ **E7 E7** And while we are playing The candles are burning low Am Am Dm Am Dm **E7 E7** Dm To re-mind us of One for each night, they shed a sweet light days long ago Dm Am Dm Am **E7** Am Am Am One for each night, they shed a sweet light To re-mind us of days long ago REPEAT VERSE + BRIDGE + GO TO ENDING Dm/ Am/ Dm/ Am/ E7/ Am/ Dm/ Am/ Am/ One for each night, they shed a sweet light To re-mind us of days long ago

# John Lennon - Happy Xmas (War is Over) [Key of G] (capo on 2<sup>nd</sup> fret)



Strum Pattern: DDUDU (12/8 Time)

So this is [Gx4]Christmas, and what have you [Amx4]done? Another year [Dx4]over, a new one just be-[Gx4]gun. And so this is [Cx4]Christmas, I hope you have [Dmx4]fun, The near and the [Gx4]dear ones, the old and the [Cx4]young.

Chorus: A very, merry [Fx4]Christmas, And a Happy New [Gx4]Year. Let's hope it's a [Dmx2]good one, [Fx2] Without any [Cx2]fear. [Dx2]

And so this is [Gx4]Christmas, For weak and for [Amx4]strong. For rich and the [Dx4]poor ones, The road is so [Gx4]long.

And so happy [Cx4]Christmas, For black and for [Dmx4]white. For yellow and [Gx4]red ones, Let's stop all the [Cx4]fight.

(War is over) (If you want it) (War is over) (Now)

(War is over) (If you want it) (War is over) (Now)

# [Repeat Chorus]

And so this is [Gx4]Christmas, And what have we [Amx4]done? Another year [Dx4]over, A new one just be-[Gx4]gun.

And so happy [Cx4]Christmas, We hope you have [Dmx4]fun. The near and the [Gx4]dear ones, The old and the [Cx4]young.

(War is over) (If you want it) (War is over) (Now)

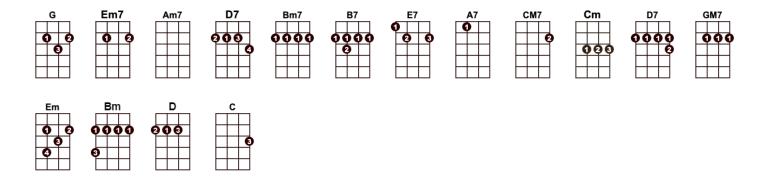
(War is over) (If you want it) (War is over) (Now)

# [Repeat Chorus]

Outro: [Gx4]War is over, [Amx4]if you want it, [Dx4]war is over [Gx4]now... [Gx4]War is over, [Amx4]if you want it, [Dx4]war is over [G/]now...

#### "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"

Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane



4/4

Suggested strumming pattern is two soft thumb strums per chord, unless otherwise indicated by a /= one strum.

#### [G] [Em7] [Am7] [D7]

[G]Have your[Em7]self a [Am7]merry little [D7]Christmas

[G]Let your [Em7]heart be [Am7]light [D7]

[Bm7]From now [Em7]on your [Am7]troubles will be [D7]out of [B7/]sight [E7/][A7/] [D7/]

[G]Have your[Em7]self a [Am7]merry little [D7]Christmas

[G]Make the [Em7]yuletide [Am7]gay [D7]

[Bm7]From now [Em7]on your [Am7]troubles will be [B7]miles [Em]away [Em7] [G7]

[CM7]Once a[Cm]gain as in [Bm7]olden days

[Bm7]Happy [Am7///]golden days [D7]/of [GM7////]yore

[Em]Faithful [Em7]friends who are [Bm]dear to us

[Bm]Shall be [D///]near to us [A7/]once [D7////]more

[G]Someday [Em7]soon we [Am7]all will be to[D/]ge[D7/]ther

[G]If the [Em7]fates a[Am7]llow [D7]

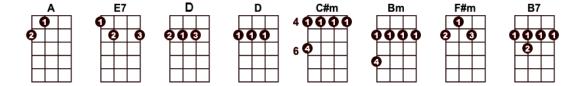
[G]Until [Em7]then we'll [Am7]have to muddle [D7]through [Em///]somehow [Em7/] Rit.

So [CM7/]have yourself a [Am7/]merry little [D7/]Christmas [G/]now

This song was written in 1943 (published 1944) and was introduced by Judy Garland in, *Meet Me in St. Louis*. The song was revised by Martin because Garland, her co-star and her director thought the original was too depressing. Frank Sinatra also did a popular version of the song and had Martin make other changes to it to make it more jolly to fit the theme of the album, *A Jolly Christmas*.

#### "A Holly Jolly Christmas"

Johnny Marks



4/4

Island strum works well for this song; / = single down strums.

#### [A] [A/]

Have a [A]holly jolly [A]Christmas
It's the [A]best time of the [E7]year
[E7]I don't know if [E7]there'll be snow
But [E7]have a cup of [A]cheer

Have a [A]holly jolly [A]Christmas
And when [A]you walk down the [E7]street
[E7]Say, hello, to [E7]friends you know
And [E7]everyone you [A]meet

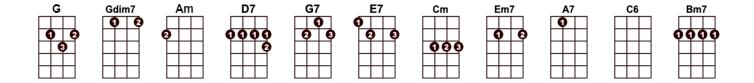
[D]Oh, ho, the [C#m]mistletoe [Bm]Hung where you can [A]see [Bm]Somebody [F#m]waits for you [B7/]Kiss her once for [E7/]me

Have a [A]holly jolly [A]Christmas
And in [A]case you didn't [E7]hear
[E7]Oh, by golly, have a [A]holly jolly
[B7//]Christmas [E7/]this [A/]year
Rit.
[E7]Oh, by golly, have a [A]holly jolly
[B7]Christmas [B7] [B7] [B7/]this [A]year [A/]

Marks wrote this song in 1962 and was featured in the special, *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, and sung by Burl Ives.

#### "I'll Be Home for Christmas"

Kim Gannon, Buck Ram and Walter Kent



2/2

A D du (1, 2+) for most chords works very nicely; / = single down strums.

[G//] [Gdim7//] [Am//] [D7/]  $\leftarrow$  Soft thumb strums

[G]I'll be [Gdim7]home for [Am]Christmas [D7]
[G7]You can [E7]count on [Am]me [Am]
[Cm]Please have [Cm]snow and [Em7]mistle[Em7]toe
And [A7]presents [A7]under the [Am]tree [D7/]

[G]Christmas [Gdim7]Eve will [Am]find me [D7] [G7]Where the [E7]love light [Am]gleams [Am] [C6]I'll be [Cm]home for [Bm7]Christ[E7]mas If [A7/]on[A7/]ly [Am/]in [D7/]my [G]dreams [G]

Instrumental solo

[G] [Gdim7] [Am] [D7] [G7] [E7] [Am] [Am] [Cm] [Cm] [Em7] [Em7] [A7] [A7] [Am] [D7/]

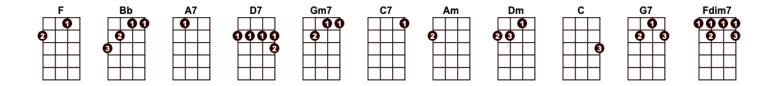
[G]Christmas [Gdim7]Eve will [Am]find me [D7] [G7]Where the [E7]love light [Am]gleams [Am] [C6]I'll be [Cm]home for [Bm7]Christ[E7]mas If [A7/]on[A7/]ly [Am/]in [D7/]my [G]dreams [G] Rit.

If [A7/]only [Am/]in my dreams [G/]

This song was written from the perspective of a soldier during WWII penning a letter to his family.

#### "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas"

Meredith Wilson



4/4

One or two down strums on each half measure work well for this song and island strum works well for the full measures; / = single down strums, - = half measure. I suggest using pump hits for the bridge on the first measures of the first and thirds lines, indicated by four single down strums, i.e. ////. The last measure of the bridge has three pump hits (four beats still in the measure, just imagine a rest).

#### [F-] [-Bb] [F] [F-] [-A7] [Bb-] [D7/] [Gm7-] [-C7] [Am-] [Dm/] [C-] [-G7] [C7]

It's be[F-]ginning to look a [-Bb]lot like [F]Christmas

[F-]Every[-A7]where you [Bb-]go [-D7/]

Take a [Gm7-]look in the five and [-C7]ten

[Am-]Glistening once a[-Dm]gain

With [C-]candy canes and [-G7]silver lanes a[C7]glow

It's be[F-]ginning to look a [-Bb]lot like [F]Christmas

[F-]Toys in [-A7]every [Bb-]store [-D7/]

But the [Gm7-]prettiest sight to [-Fdim7]see

Is the [F-]holly that will [-D7]be

On your [Gm7-]own [-C7]front [F]door

[A7///]Hopalong boots and a pistol that shoots

Are the [Dm/-]wishes of [-A7/]Barney and [Dm/]Ben

[G7////]Dolls that will talk and will go for a walk

Is the [C7/-]hope of [-G7/]Janice and [C7/]Jen

And [C7]Mom and Dad can hardly wait for [C7///]school to start again

It's be[F-]ginning to look a [-Bb]lot like [F]Christmas

[F-]Every[-A7]where you [Bb-]go [-D7/]

There's a [Gm7-]tree in the Grand Ho[-C7]tel

[Am-]One in the park as [-Dm]well

The [C-]sturdy kind that [-G7]doesn't mind the [C7]snow

It's be[F-]ginning to look a [-Bb]lot like [F]Christmas

[F-]Soon the [-A7]bells will [Bb-]start [-D7/]

And the [Gm7-]thing that will make them [-Fdim7]ring

Is the [F-]carol that you [-D7]sing

Right with [Gm7-]in [-C7]your [F-]heart [-D7]

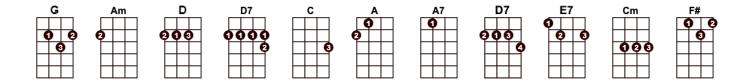
Rit. with full measures of island strum

Right with [Gm7] in [C7] your [F] heart [F/]

Wilson wrote this in 1951. Is it "grand hotel" or "Grand Hotel"? There are two differing stories regarding what he may have meant. He was also famous for writing the hit Broadway musical, *The Music Man*.

#### "Jingle Bell Rock"

Joseph Carleton Beal and James Ross Booth



4/4

Island strum works well for this song as does a D du D du (1, 2&, 3, 4&) pattern. One or two down strums on each half measure work well or the D du again. / = single down strums, - = half measure. I suggest using pump hits in one spot, indicated by four single down strums, i.e. ////. I personally like to mix up the strumming patterns, and am quite fond of doing the D du for the horse part. The music in between the  $|\cdot|$  and  $|\cdot|$  gets repeated once.

#### [G] [G] [G/]

[G]Jingle bell, jingle bell, [G]jingle bell rock

[G]Jingle bells swing and [Am-]jingle bells [-D]ring

[Am-]Snowin' and [-D]blowin' up [Am-]bushels of [-D]fun

[Am/]Now the jingle hop [D7/]has begun

||: [G]Jingle bell, jingle bell, [G]jingle bell rock

[G]Jingle bells chime in [Am-]jingle bell [-D]time

[Am-]Dancin' and [-D]prancin' in [Am-]jingle bell [-D]square

[Am/-]In the [-D/]frosty [G]air

What a [C]bright time it's the [C]right time

To **[G////]**rock the night a**[G]**way

Jingle [A]bell time is a [A7]swell time

[D7/]To go glidin' in a [D7]one-horse sleigh

**[G]**Giddy up jingle horse **[G]**pick up your feet

**[G]**Jingle around the **[E7]**clock

[C]Mix and mingle in a [Cm]jinglin' beat

[Am-]That's the [-D]jingle bell [G]rock :||

Ending after repeat

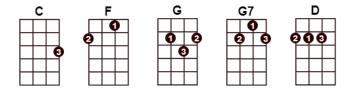
[A7/]That's the [D/]jingle bell, [A7/]that's the [D/]jingle bell

[A7/]That's the [D/]jingle bell [G]rock [G/] [F#/] [G/]

First released by Bobby Helms in 1957. Helms and Hank Garland, the session guitarist, claimed that they re-wrote the song so much that by the time they were done it was a new song of their own making and they disputed the authorship.

#### "Jingle Bells"

James Lord Pierpont (1822–1893)



4/4

Suggested strum for verses is a backbeat strum, and for choruses, a lively but soft island strum. / = single down strums, - = half measure

[C]Dashing through the [C]snow, in a [C]one-horse open [F]sleigh [F]O'er the fields we [G7]go, [G7/]laughing all the [C/]way Ha, ha, ha! [C]Bells on bobtails [C]ring, [C]making spirits [F]bright What [F]fun it is to [G7]ride and sing a [G7]sleighing song to [C/-]night [G7/]Ohhh! ← We might hold this - watch leader!

#### **CHORUS**

[C]Jingle bells, [C]jingle bells, [C]jingle all the [C]way [F]Oh, what fun it [C]is to ride in a [D]one-horse open [G/-]sleigh, [-G7/]hey! [C]Jingle bells, [C]jingle bells, [C]jingle all the [C]way [F]Oh, what fun it [C]is to ride in a [G7]one-horse open [C]sleigh

[C]Now the ground is [C]white, [C]go it while you're [F]young [F]Take the girls ton[G7]night, and [G7]sing this sleighing [C]song Just [C]get a bobtail [C]bay, [C]2:40 as his [F]speed [F]Hitch him to an [G7]open sleigh and [G7/]\*crack\*[slap] you'll take the [C/-]lead [G7/]Ohhhh! ← We might hold this - watch leader!

#### - CHORUS -

**ENDING** possible ritard. or riten., watch Alyna! [F/]Oh what fun it [C/]is to ride in a [G7/-]one [-G7/]horse [G7/-]o[-G7/]pen [C]sle[F]e[C]igh! [C/, F/, C/]

This song is one of the best known songs in the world and likely written in Medford, MA at, what was then, the Simpson Tavern, about the town's popular sleigh races on Salem Street. Mrs. Otis Waterman attested to the song being written there, as she claimed to have witnessed it. (Mrs. Waterman owned Seccomb Boarding House, which later became Simpson Tavern.) In New England, it was common to have bells on the horses so that in snowstorms, one could hear the sleighs at intersections. Because of the song's worldwide popularity, James Lord Pierpont was voted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

I lived in Medford, MA at one point and can attest to the snowiness. ;-)

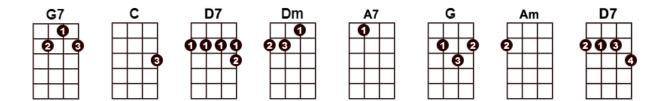
This was also the first known song broadcast from space.

Pierpont was the uncle of John Pierpont Morgan Sr. (J.P. Morgan) the American banker and financier.

Originally copyrighted with the name "One Horse Open Sleigh" on September 16, 1857. Historically thought to be written in 1850. First published as "Jingle Bells" in 1859.

#### "Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!"

Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne



4/4

Island strum works well for this song; / = single down strums, - = half measure. During the bridge, there is a half measure of Am and another of D7 that have three downstrums, ///, and those should feel like triplets.

#### [G7] [C/]

Oh, the [C-]weather [-G7]outside is [C]frightful But the [C-]fire is [-D7]so de[G7]lightful And [Dm-]since we've no [-A7]place to [Dm]go Let it [G7]snow, let it snow, let it [C]snow

It [C-]doesn't show [-G7]signs of [C]stopping
And I've [C-]brought some [-D7]corn for [G7]popping
The [Dm-]lights are turned [-A7]way down [Dm]low
Let it [G7]snow, let it snow, let it [C]snow

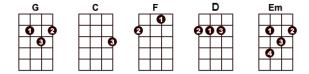
When we [G]finally kiss good[G]night
How I [Am///-]hate going [-D7///]out in the [G]storm
But if [G]you really hold me [G]tight
[A7/-]All the way [-D7/]home I'll be [G7]warm

The [C-]fire is [-G7]slowly [C]dying
And my [C-]dear we're [-D7]still good[G7]bying
But as [Dm-]long as you [-A7]love me [Dm]so
Let it [G7]snow, let it snow, let it [C]snow
Rit.
Let it [G7]snow, let it [G7]snow, let it [C]snow [C/] [G7/] [C/]

Cahn and Styne were another duo to pen a song in the hopes of staying cool during a July 1945 heatwave in California.

#### "Lights of Cheyenne"

Jack Murphy



3/4

Oh, the [G]lights of Che[C]yenne [G]shine on the [C]prairie
And [G]rescue from [C]darkness the [F]days after [D]glow [D]
[G]Crystal white [C]snowflakes [G]catch their re[C]flection
And [G]paint us a [C]picture of [F]long, long a[D]go [D]

[D/]Deep, [D/]deep in the [C/]Wyoming [G/]winter
[D/]Deep, [D/]deep in the [C/]land of [Em/]dre[D/]ams

Piano [C/]Gone are the [G/]cowboys who [Em/]stole all our [C/]hearts [C/]

But their [Em]memory [D]lives and [G]silently [C]gives [C]

It's [Em]soul to the [D]night on the [C]edge of the [D]lights of [G]Cheyenne [G]

With their [G]buckskins and [C]chaps and [G]warm winter [C]hats [G]Riding the [C]fences, [F]checking for [D]strays [D] [G]Wood burning [C]fires, these [G]good natured [C]liars Told [G]stories that [C]rang like the [F]bells on their [D]sleighs [D]

[D/]Deep, [D/]deep in the [C/]Wyoming [G/]winter
[D/]Deep, [D/]deep in the [C/]land of [Em/]dre[D/]ams

Piano [C/]Gone are the [G/]cowboys who [Em/]stole all our [C/]hearts [C/]

But their [Em]memory [D]lives and [G]silently [C]gives [C]

It's [Em]soul to the [D]night on the [C]edge of the [D]lights of [G]Cheyenne [G]

[D/]Deep, [D/]deep in the [C/]Wyoming [G/]winter
[D/]Deep, [D/]deep in the [C/]land of [Em/]dre[D/]ams

Piano [C/]Gone are the [G/]cowboys who [Em/]stole all our [C/]hearts [C/]

But their [Em]memory [D]lives and [G]silently [C]gives [C]

It's [Em]soul to the [D]night on the [C]edge of the [D]lights of [G/]Cheyenne

It's very difficult to find accurate information on Jack Murphy. There is a Jack Murphy who is a songwriter listed on Wikipedia but it doesn't list this song as one of his works.

Dan McCorison, who covered this song, is much easier. Colorado born and bred, he was part of a band called, Dusty Drapes and the Dusters, as one of the original "Dusters" before he went solo. Here are some interesting articles for you to peruse, <a href="https://colomusic.org/blog/dusty-drapes-the-dusters/">https://colomusic.org/blog/dusty-drapes-the-dusters/</a>, <a href="https://www.westword.com/music/when-country-wasnt-cool-5065966">https://www.westword.com/music/when-country-wasnt-cool-5065966</a>. Dan has won numerous awards and is a delight to

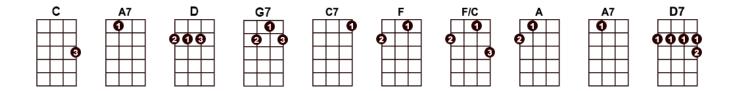
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<sup>&</sup>quot;I" means to play a single downstrum.

#### "Mele Kalikimaka"

Robert Alexander Anderson, a.k.a R. Alex Anderson



4/4

Island strum works well for this song; / = single down strums, - = half measure. The **[F/C]** is a chord and not indicative of a single downstrum. See above.

#### [C] [C] [C] [A7] [D] [G7] [C] [G7]

[C]Mele Kaliki[C]maka is the [C]thing to say [C]
On a [C]bright Ha[C]waiian Christmas [G7]Day [G7]
[G7]That's the island [G7]greeting that we [G7]send to you [G7]
From the [G7]land where [G7]palm trees [C]sway [C]

[C7]Here we know that [C7]Christmas will be [F]green and [F/C]bright The [A] sun to shine by [A7]day and all the [D7/]stars at [G7/]night

[C]Mele Kaliki[C]maka is Ha[C]waii's [A7]way To [D]say Merry [G7]Christmas to [C]you [C]

Uke solo - strum quietly

[C] [C] [C] [C]

[C] [C] [G7] [G7]

[G7] [G7] [G7]

[G7] [G7] [C] [C]

[C]Mele Kaliki[C]maka is the [C]thing to say [C]

On a [C]bright Ha[C]waiian Christmas [G7]Day [G7]

[G7]That's the island [G7]greeting that we [G7]send to you [G7]

From the [G7]land where [G7]palm trees [C]sway [C]

[C7]Here we know that [C7]Christmas will be [F]green and [F/C]bright The [A] sun to shine by [A7]day and all the [D/]stars at [G7/]night

[C]Mele Kaliki[C]maka is Ha[C]waii's [A7]way

To [D]say Merry [G7]Christmas to [C]you [C]

[C]Mele Kaliki[C]maka is Ha[C]waii's [A7]way

To [D/]say Merry [G7/]Christmas

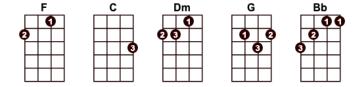
A [D/]very Merry [G7/]Christmas

A [D/]very, very, merry, Merry [G7/]Christmas to [C]you [C/] [G7/] [C/]

Rollins and Nelson also wrote the popular, "Here Comes Peter Cottontail."

#### "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Authorship unclear and attributed to many sources



4/4

Island strum is a lively and lovely choice for this song.

O [F]come, all ye [C]faithful

[F]Joyful and tri[C]umphant

O [Dm] come, ye, [C]o come, ye, to [G]Beth[C]lehem

[F]Come and be[Bb]hold [F]Him

[Bb]Born the king of [C]angels

O [F]come, let us adore [C]Him

O [F]come, let us adore [C]Him

O [Bb]come, let us a[C]dore [F]hi-[Bb]im

[F]Chri-[C]ist the [F]lord

[F]Sing, choirs of [C]angels

[F]Sing in exul[C]tation

[Dm]Sing all ye [C]citizens of [G]heav'n a[C]bove

[F]Glory to [Bb]Go[F]od

[Bb]Glory in the [C] highest

O [F]come, let us adore [C]Him

O [F]come, let us adore [C]Him

O [Bb]come, let us a[C]dore [F]hi-[Bb]im

[F]Chri-[C]ist the [F]lord

[F]Yea lord, we [C]greet thee

[F]Born this happy [C]morning

[Dm]Jesus to [C]be the [G]glori[C]ous

[F]Word of the [Bb]Fa[F]ther

[Bb]Now in flesh a[C]ppearing

O [F]come, let us adore [C]Him

O [F]come, let us adore [C]Him

O [Bb]come, let us a[C]dore [F]hi-[Bb]im

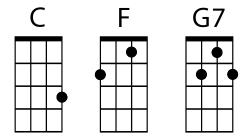
Rit.

[F]Chri-[C]ist the [F]lord

Originally written in Latin, "Adeste Fidleles", the origin of the song is murky, but the earliest known publication is from 1751.

#### Od Yavo Shalom Aleinu (Salaam)

Mosh Ben-Ari / Sheva



#### Verse

C/

Od yavo shalom aleinu

F/

Od yavo shalom aleinu

C/

Od yavo shalom aleinu

F/ G7/ G7/ C/

Ve al kulam

C/

Od yavo shalom aleinu

F/

Od yavo shalom aleinu

C/

Od yavo shalom aleinu

F/ G7/ G7/ C/

Ve al kulam

#### Strum: D DUxUD Chorus

Salaam

Aleinu ve al kol ha olam

C

Salaam, Salaam

C

Salaam

Aleinu ve al kol ha olam

C

Salaam, Salaam

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C/ F/ A----0-0-0---

E----3-1-C-000-2----2-0-----

G-----C/ F/ G7/G7/C/

A-----E----0-0-0----1---0-----C-000-2----2-0----2-0----

G-----

#### Translation:

Peace will come upon us Peace will come upon us Peace will come upon us And upon everyone

#### **Chorus Tab**

A-----E-3-3----3-1-1-3-C----0----

E----3----0-----

C----2-0-----G-----

Translation:

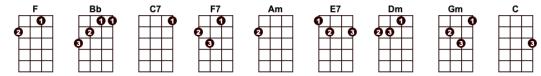
Peace (in Arabic)

Upon us and upon the whole world

Peace, Peace (in Arabic)

#### "O Holy Night"

French words Placide Cappeau, English language version John Sullivan Dwight, music Adolphe Adam



4/4

A slow, paced D du D du works so nicely for the first, third and fifth stanzas and on the remaining stanzas (beginning with Dms) soft downstrums that slowly build in volume and intensity (using the pad of your your thumb to begin with then switching to your nails) really adds nice dynamics. There are versions in 6/8 and 12/8 as well though common time seems most popular.

[F]O holy night the [Bb]stars are brightly [F]shining It is the [F]night of our [C7]dear Savior's [F]birth [F]Long lay the world in [Bb]sin and error [F]pi[F7]ning 'Til He app[Am]eared and the [E7]soul felt its [Am]worth A [C7]thrill of hope the [F]weary world rejoices For [C7]yonder breaks a [F]new and glorious morn

[Dm]Fall on your [Am]knees oh [Gm]hear the angel [Dm]voices

- O [F]ni[C7]ght di[F]vine[Bb]
- O [F]night [C7]when Christ was [F]born
- O [C]night di[F]vi-[Bb]ine o [F]night [C]o night di[F]vine

[F]Led by the light of [Bb]faith serenely [F]beaming With glowing [F]hearts by His [C7]cradle we [F]stand [F]So led by light of a [Bb]star sweetly [F]glea[F7]ming Here come the [Am]wise men from [E7]Orient [Am]land The [C7]King of kings lay [F]thus in lowly manger In [C7]all our trials [F]born to be our friend

[Dm]He knows our [Am]need our [Gm]weakness is no [Dm]stranger
Be[F]ho-[C7]old your [F]king [Bb]
Be[F]fore Him [C7]lowly [F]bend
Be[C]hold your [F]ki-[Bb]ing be[F]fore Him [C] lowly [F]bend

[F] Truly He taught us to [Bb] love one a-[F]nother
His [F]law is love and His [C7] gospel is [F] peace
[F] Chains shall He break for the [Bb] slave is our [F] bro-[F7]ther
And in His [Am] name all o-[E7]ppression shall [Am] cease
Sweet [C7] hymns of joy in [F] grateful chorus raise we
Let [C7] all within us [F] praise His holy name

[Dm] Christ is the [Am] Lord oh [Gm] praise His name for-[Dm]ever His [F] poC]wer and [F] glo-[Bb]ory for[F]ever [C7] more pro-[F]claim His [C] power and [F] glo-[Bb]ory for[F]ever[C7] more pro-[F]claim

Cantique se Noël, the original title, was based on an 1843 poem by Placide Cappeau. Adam then set the poem to music in 1847. Dwight, who gave us the English lyrics in 1855, was ordained in 1840 but instead began a career in music journalism and went on to become the first influential classical music critic in America.

#### Put a Little Love in Your Heart

Jackie DeShannon

#### Strum Pattern: D DU UDU Intro: D D

- (D)Think of your fellow man
- (D)Lend him a helping hand
- (G)Put a little love in your (D)heart
- (D) You see it's getting late
- (D)Oh, please don't hesitate
- (G)Put a little love in your (D)heart

And the (D)world will be a (A)better place And the (D)world will be a (A)better place For (A) you and me You just (A) wait and see

- (**D**)Another day goes by
- (D)And still the children cry
- (G)Put a little love in your (D)heart
- If (D) you want the world to know
- (D)We won't let hatred grow
- (G)Put a little love in your (D)heart

And the (D)world (and the world) will be a (A)better place And the (D)world (and the world) will be a (A)better place For (A) you (for you) and me (and me) You just (A) wait (just wait) and see

- (D) Take a good look around
- (D)And if you're lookin' down
- (G)Put a little love in your (D)heart
- And (D)I hope when you decide
- (D)Kindness will be your guide
- (G)Put a little love in your (D)heart

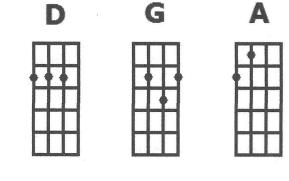
And the (D)world will be a (A)better place And the (D)world will be a (A)better place For (A) you (for you) and me (and me) You just (A) wait (just wait) and see (G)Put a little love in your (D)heart Each and every day (G)Put a little love in your (D)heart There's no other way

(G)Put a little love in your heart

Yeah you ought to

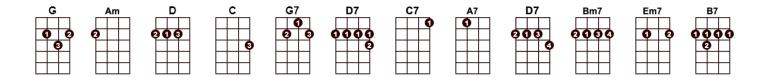
(G)Put a little love in your (D)heart

In your heart, In your heart (repeat and fade)



# "Rainbow Christmas"

#### Tracy Callaghan



4/4, until last stanza, then 3/4

/ = single down strums, - = half measure. The intro (first stanza) is fingerpicked, 4, 3, 4, 1 (G, C, G, A) and then the strumming pattern begins ands is, D du D du for the remainder of the song, until you get to the last stanza and the song switches to 3/4. When you see the asterisk, pluck the G string only and hold for a measure.

[G]We're [G]dreaming of a [Am]white [D]Christmas And [C]decking halls with [C7]red and [G7]green \* But while [G]silver [G]bells are [Am]ringing [D]out Let's [C]liven up this [C7]color [G7]scheme \*

**[G]**Let's have a Rainbow **[C]**Christmas

[G]Come just as you [A7]are

[D]No one is excluded

[Bm7]If their gender's fluid

There's [A7]room enough for us [D/]all

HEY! We're [G]having a rainbow [C]Christmas

[G]Open to every [A7]one

We've got [D]plenty of cheer

For the [Bm7]straight and the queer

It's a [A7]celebration of [D7]love

[G]Break out your gay [C]apparel

And **[G]**sing those christmas **[A7]**songs

[C]Despite what you've been [D]told

[C-]All are [-D7]welcome and [G]belong

[G]Spend time with your [C]family

Whether [G]chosen or by [Em7]birth

That's [C]how we'll spread the [D]good will

And a [C-]little more [-D7]peace on [G]earth

**[G]**Let's have a Rainbow **[C]**Christmas

[G]Come just as you [A7]are

[D]No one is excluded

[Bm7]If their gender's fluid

There's [A7]room enough for us [D/]all

HEY! We're [G]having a rainbow [C]Christmas

**[G]**Open to every **[A7]**one

We've got [D]plenty of cheer

For the [Bm7]straight and the queer

It's a [A7]celebration of [D7]love

Gonna [G]eat, drink and be [C]merry

During [G]this season of yule[A7]tide

We'll [C]throw the biggest [D]party

Like a [C-]winter [-D7]version of [G]Pride

[G]Santa will hear cele[C]brations

All the **[G]**way from the North **[Em7]**Pole

When [C]we can kiss who we [D]want to

Under[C-]neath that [-D7]mistle[G]toe

[G]Let's have a Rainbow [C]Christmas

[G]Come just as you [A7]are

[D]No one is excluded

[Bm7]If their gender's fluid

There's [A7]room enough for us [D/]all

HEY! We're [G]having a rainbow [C]Christmas

[G]Open to every [A7]one

We've got [D]plenty of cheer

For the [Bm7]straight and the queer

It's a [A7]celebration of [D7/]love

3/4

We **[G]**wish you a rainbow **[C]**Christmas

We [A]wish you a rainbow [D]christmas

We [B7] wish you a rainbow [Em7] christmas

And [C//]inclusive [D7/]new [G/]year!

Tracy plays ukulele as well as writing and singing her original inappropriate songs and doing inappropriate song covers. A lover of animals, a patient advocate and badass mother runner.

# ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

by Johnny Marks

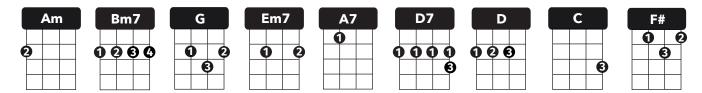
G	Em	С	D	Bm7	A7
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SHUFFLE ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu TIMING: 1 strum per chord

INTRO	G E	m C	D			
VERSE	<b>G</b> Rockin' a	round the	<b>G</b> Christmas tr	<b>D</b> ee at the Ch	nristmas party	<b>D</b> hop
	<b>D</b> Mistletoe	e hung wh	<b>D</b> ere you can s	<b>D</b> see every co	ouple tries to s	
	<b>G</b> Rockin' a	round the	<b>G</b> Christmas tr	<b>E</b> ee, let the C	<b>)</b> Christmas spiri	<b>D</b> t ring
	<b>D</b> Later we	'll have so	<b>D</b> me pumpkin	<b>D</b> pie and we	'll do some ca	<b>G</b> ro-ling
BRIDGE	Em	Em		ng when you <b>7</b> /	Bm7 u hear D with boughs	of holly
VERSE	G Rockin' a D	round the	G Christmas tr D	D ee, have a h D	nappy holiday <b>G</b> shioned way	D
ENDING		e dancing E <b>m C</b>	D merrily in the G/	_	<b>D</b> fa - shioned	

# RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

by Johnny Marks



SHUFFLE ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu

**TIMING:** 1 strum per chord

\*practice singing the underlined syllables on the downbeat to build your singing-while-playing skills

<b>OPTIONAL INTRO</b>
(single strums)

Bm7 / G/ Am / Am / You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen Bm7 / Am / Am / G/ Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen A7 / A7 / **Em7** / **Em7** / But do you re-call the most famous reindeer of **D7** (island strum) D7 all?

VERSE	G	G	G	D
	Rudolph the red	-nosed <u>rei</u> ndee	<u>had</u> a very s	shiny <u>nose</u>
	D I	D D		G
	And if you ever s	saw <u>it</u> <u>you</u> v	ould even say it glows	<u> </u>
	G C	G G		D
	All of the other re	<u>ein</u> deer <u>use</u>	$\underline{d}$ to laugh and call him	n <u>names</u>
	D	D	D	G
	They never let po	oor <u>Ru</u> dolph	<u>join</u> in any reindee	r <u>games</u>
BRIDGE	_	<b>G</b> <u>Chris</u> tmas Eve,	<b>D G</b> Santa came to say	
	<b>D</b> <u>"Ru</u> dolph, with y	<b>D</b> our <u>nose</u> so bri	<b>A7</b> ght, <u>won't</u> you	<b>D</b> guide my <u>sleigh</u> tonight?"
VERSE	D	D	G m <u>as</u> they shouted ou D	G
	<u>"Ru</u> dolph, the re	a-nosed <u>rein</u> de	er, <u>you'll</u> go down in h	nisto- <u>ry!"</u>
ENDING	D	D G	G/ F#/ G/	

You'll go down in his- to- ry

# Santa Baby

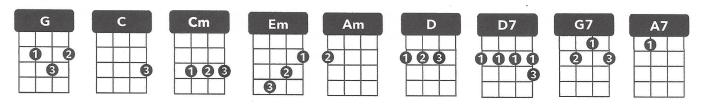
Joan Javits, Philip Springer 1953

Intro: [C] [A7] [D7] [G7] [C] [A7] [D7] [G7] [C]Santa [A7]baby, just [Dm]slip a sable [G7]under the [C]tree for [A7]me [Dm]Been an [G7]awful good [C]girl, Santa [A7]baby So [Dm]hurry down the [G7]chimney to [C]night [A7] [D7] [G7] [C]Santa [A7]baby, a [Dm]54 con[G7]vertible [C]too light [A7]blue [Dm] I'll wait [G7]up for you dear, [C]Santa [A7]baby So [Dm]hurry down the [G7]chimney to [C]night [C7] [E7]Think of all the fun I've missed [A]Think of all the fellas that I haven't kissed [D7]Next year I could be just as good If [G]you'll check off my [G7]Christmas list [C]Santa [A7]baby, I [Dm]want a yacht and [G7]really that's [C]not a [A7]lot [Dm]Been an [G7]angel all [C]year, Santa [A7]baby So [Dm]hurry down the [G7]chimney to [C]night [A7] [D7] [G7] [C]Santa [A7]honey, [Dm]one little [G7]thing I really [C]need the [A7]deed [Dm]To a [G7]platinum [C]mine, Santa [A7]baby So [Dm]hurry down the [G7]chimney to [C]night [A7] [D7] [G7] [C]Santa [A7]cutie, And [Dm]fill my stocking [G7] with a duplex [C] and [A7] cheques [Dm]Sign your [G7]X on the [C]line, Santa [A7]cutie And [Dm]hurry down the [G7]chimney to [C]night [C7] [E7]Come and trim my Christmas tree [A]With some decorations bought at Tiffany [D7] I really do believe in you [G]let's see if you be[G7]lieve in me

[C]Santa [A7]baby, for[Dm]got to mention [G7]one little [C]thing, a [A7]ring [Dm] I don't [G7]mean on the [C]phone, Santa [A7]baby So [Dm]hurry down the [G7]chimney to[C]night [Dm]Hurry down the [G7]chimney to[C]night [A7] [Dm] [G7] hurry...to[C]night

# SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN

by Haven Gillespie and J. F. Coots



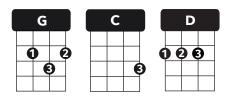
BACKBEAT STRUM: d D d D

**TIMING:** 1 strum per chord; on split measure, play [d D - d D]

INTRO	G	
VERSE	G C G [C - Cm/] You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why	
	[G - Em] [Am - D] G D7 Santa Claus is coming to town	
VERSE	G C G [C - Cm/] He's making a list, checking it twice Gonna find out who's naughty and nice	
	[G - Em] [Am - D] G G Santa Claus is coming to town	
BRIDGE	G7 C He sees you when you're sleeping he knows when you're a-wake	
Manage.	A7 D A7 D/ D7/ He knows if you've been bad or good, so be good for goodness sake, Oh!	
VERSE	G C G [C - Cm/] You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why	
Mr. 2	[G - Em] [Am - D] G G Santa Claus is coming to town	
ENDING	[G - Em] [Am - D] [G - C] G/ Santa Claus is coming to town	

# SILVER BELLS

by Jay Livingston and Ray Evans

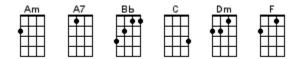


**WALTZ STRUM:** D du du, or pick d d **TIMING:** 1 per chord

INTRO	G	
VERSE	G G City sidewalks, busy sidewalks D D In the air there's a feeling G G Children laughing, people passing D D And on every street corner	C C Dressed in holiday style G G of Christmas C C Meeting smile after smile G G you hear
CHORUS	G G Silver bells (silver bells) D D It's Christmas-time G G Ring-a-ling (ring-a-ling) D D Soon it will be Christmas	C C silver bells (silver bells) G G in the city C C hear them ring (hear them ring) G G / day
VERSE	G G Strings of street lights, even stop lights, even stop lights D D As the shoppers run home G G Hear the snow crunch, see the kids D D And above all the bustle	G G with their treasures C C
REPEAT CHO	DRUS	
ENDING	D D / Soon it will be Christmas	G G / day

#### Song For A Winter's Night

Gordon Lightfoot 1967



INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 /

[F] The lamp is [C] burning low up-[Dm]on my table [Bb] top
[F] The snow is [C] softly [F] falling [F]

[F] The lamp is [C] burning low up-[Dm]on my table [Bb] top

[F] The snow is [C] softly [F] falling [C]

[F] The air is [C] still within the [Dm] silence of my [Bb] room

[F] I hear your [C] voice softly [F] calling [F]

#### **CHORUS:**

If [F] I could [C] only [Bb] have you [C] near

[Am] To breathe a [Dm] sigh or [Bb] two [C]

[F] I would be [C] happy just to [Dm] hold the hands I [Bb] love

[F] On this [C] winter's night with [F] you [C]

[F] The smoke is [C] rising in the [Dm] shadows over-[Bb]head

[F] My glass is [C] almost [F] empty [C]

[F] I read a-[C]gain between the [Dm] lines upon each [Bb] page

[F] The words of [C] love you [F] send me [F]

#### **CHORUS:**

If [F] I could [C] know with-[Bb]in my [C] heart

[Am] That you were [Dm] lonely [Bb] too [C]

[F] I would be [C] happy just to [Dm] hold the hands I [Bb] love

[F] On this [C] winter's night with [F] you [C]

[F] The fire is [C] dying now my [Dm] lamp is getting [Bb] dim

[F] The shades of [C] night are [F] lifting [C]

[F] The morning [C] light steals a-[Dm]cross my window [Bb] pane

[F] Where webs of [C] snow are [F] drifting [F]

#### **CHORUS:**

If [F] I could [C] only [Bb] have you [C] near

[Am] To breathe a [Dm] sigh or [Bb] two [C]

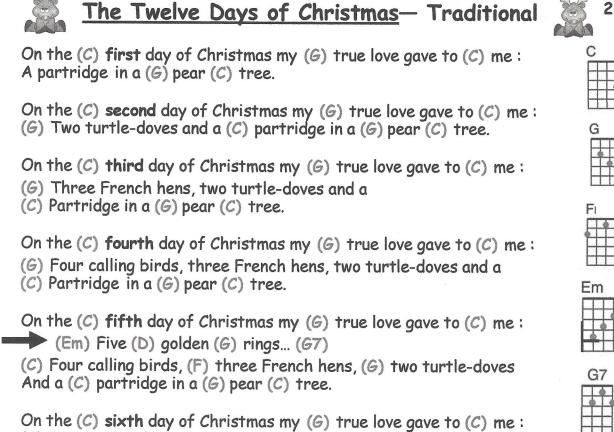
[F] I would be [C] happy just to [Dm] hold the hands I [Bb] love

[F] On this [C] winter's night with [A7] you [Dm]

[Bb] And to be [C] once again with [F]↓ you







On the (C) seventh day of Christmas my (G) true love gave to (C) me: (G) Seven swans-a-swimming, six geese-a-laying... ( Repeat from arrow )

(G) Six geese-a-laying...... (Repeat from arrow)

On the (C) eighth day of Christmas my (G) true love gave to (C) me: (G) Eight maids-a-milking, Seven swans-a-swimming, six geese-a-laying... (Repeat from arrow)

On the (C) ninth day of Christmas my (G) true love gave to (C) me: (G) Nine ladies dancing, eight maids-a-milking, Seven swans-a-swimming, six geese-a-laying... (Repeat from arrow)

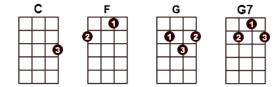
On the (C) tenth day of Christmas my (G) true love gave to (C) me: (G) Ten Lords-a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids-a-milking, Seven swans-a-swimming, six geese-a-laying... (Repeat from arrow)

On the (C) eleventh day of Christmas my (G) true love gave to (C) me: (G) Eleven pipers piping, ten Lords-a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids-amilking, seven swans-a-swimming, six geese-a-laying... (Repeat From arrow)

On the (C) twelfth day of Christmas my (G) true love gave to (C) me: (G) Twelve drummers drumming, eleven pipers piping, ten Lords-a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids-a-milking, seven swans-a-swimming, six geese-alaying... ( Repeat from arrow )

#### "Up on the Housetop"

Benjamin Hanby



4/4

A "-" indicates a split measure, in this case, 2 beats. A "I" indicates a single downstrum.

#### [C] [C] [F-] [-C] [G-] [-C] [C] [C]

[C]Up on the housetop [C]reindeer pause

[F-]Out jumps [-C]good old [G]Santa Claus

[C]Down through the chimney with [C]lots of toys

[F-]All for the [-C]little ones' [G-]Christmas [-C]joys

[F/]Ho, [F/]ho, [C]who wouldn't go?

[G7/]Ho, [G7/]ho, [G7/]ho, [C]who wouldn't go?

[C/]Up on the housetop, [F]\*click, click, click\*  $\leftarrow$  \*snap fingers instead of playing F\*

[C]Down through the chimney with [G7-]good Saint [C]Nick

[C]

[C]First comes the stocking of [C]little Nell

[F-]Oh, dear [-C]Santa, [G]fill it well

[C]Give her a dolly that [C]laughs and cries

[F-]One that will [-C]open and [G-]shut her [-C]eyes

[F/]Ho, [F/]ho, [C]who wouldn't go?

[G7/]Ho, [G7/]ho, [G7/]ho, [C]who wouldn't go?

[C/]Up on the housetop, [F]\*click, click, click\*  $\leftarrow$  \*snap fingers instead of playing F\*

[C]Down through the chimney with [G7-]good Saint [C]Nick

[C]

[C]Next comes the stocking of [C]little Will

[F-]Oh, just [-C]see what a [G]glorious fill

[C]Here is a hammer and [C]lots of tacks

[F-]Also a [-C]ball and a [G-]whip that [-C]cracks

[F/]Ho, [F/]ho, [C]who wouldn't go?

[G7/]Ho, [G7/]ho, [G7/]ho, [C]who wouldn't go?

[C/]Up on the housetop, [F]\*click, click, click\*  $\leftarrow$  \*snap fingers instead of playing F\*

[C]Down through the chimney with [G7-]good Saint [-C/]Nick

I didn't realize how old this song was! It was written in 1864 and popularized by Gene Autry's 1953 recording. Benjamin Russell Hanby was born in Ohio in 1833 and died from tuberculosis in 1867, before we had advocates like John Green trying to ensure everyone has affordable access to prevention and treatments. He wrote approximately 80 songs in his 33 years, and you probably know at least one more, "Jolly Old St. Nicholas". In addition to being a minitster and running a singing school, he was an abolitionist and involved in the Underground Railroad. He also wrote anit-slavery songs including, "Darling Nelly Gray".

# We Wish You a Merry Christmas

16th century

3/4

We [G]wish you a merry [C]Christmas
We [A]wish you a merry [D]Christmas
We [B]wish you a merry [Em]Christmas and a
[C]Happy [D]new [G]year

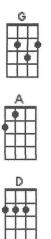
Good tidings we **[D]**bring to **[Em]**you and your **[D]**kin We **[G]**wish you a merry **[D]**Christmas and a **[C]**Happy **[D]**new **[G]**year

Oh [G]bring us some figgy [C]pudding
Oh [A]bring us some figgy [D]pudding
Oh [B]bring us some figgy [Em]pudding
And [C]bring it [D]out [G]here!

Good tidings we [D]bring to [Em]you and your [D]kin We [G]wish you a merry [D]Christmas and a [C]Happy [D]new [G]year

We [G]won't go until we [C]get some
We [A]won't go until we [D]get some
We [B]won't go until we [Em]get some
So [C]bring some [D]out [G]here!

Good tidings we **[D]**bring to **[Em]**you and your **[D]**kin We **[G]**wish you a merry **[D]**Christmas and a **(Slowly) [C]**Happy **[D]**new **[G]**year!



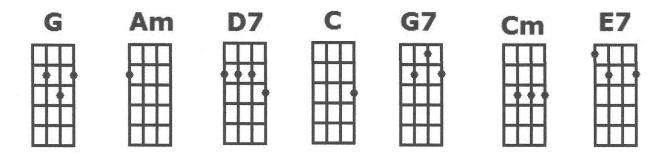






#### **White Christmas**

Bing Crosby



#### Verse 1

G Am D7

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas

C D7 G

Just like the ones I used to know

ust like the ones I used to kno **G G7** 

Where the treetops glisten,

C Cm

and children listen

G E7 Am D7

To hear sleigh bells in the snow

#### Verse 2

G Am D7

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas

C D7 G

With every Christmas card I write

G G7 C Cm

ur days he morey and bright

May your days be merry and bright

G Am-D7 G

G Am-D7 G D7

And may all your Christmases be white

#### Play Verse 1 as Instrumental

#### **Last Verse**

G Am D7

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas

C D7 G With every Christmas card I write

G G7 C Cm

May your days be merry and bright

G Am-D7 G D7

And may all your Christmases be white

# Winter Wonderland Felix Bernard and Richard B. Smith (As recorded by Jason Mraz) Intro (see tab) Cx4 Dm Dm G7 G7 G7 F Em A7 Dm G7 C C G7(let ring) C Dm G7 F Em G7 F

#### **Verse**

Sleigh bells [C]ring, are you listening
In the [Dm]lane, snow is [G7]glistening
A [G7]beautiful [F]sight, we're [Em]happy [A7]tonight
[Dm]Walking in a [G7]winter [C]wonderland

Gone [C]away is the bluebird
Here to [Dm]stay is a [G7]new bird
He [G7]sings a love [F]song, as [Em]we go [A7]along
[Dm]Walking in a [G7]winter [C]wonderland

#### **Bridge**

[E]In the meadow [A]we can build a [E]snowman [E]Then pretend that [A]he is Parson [E]Brown [G]He'll say: Are you [D7]married? We'll say: [G]No man But [G]you can do the [D7]job, when you're in [Dm]town [G7]

#### Verse

Later [C]on, we'll conspire
As we [Dm]dream by the [G7]fire
To [G7]face [F]unafraid, The [Em]plans that we've [A7]made
[Dm]Walking in a [G7]winter [C]wonderland

#### Bridge

[E]In the meadow [A]we can build a [E]snowman [E]And pretend that [A]he's a circus [E]clown [G]We'll have lots of [D7]fun with mister [G]snowman [G]Until the other [D7]kiddies knock him [Dm]down [G7]

#### Verse/Outro

When it [C]snows, ain't it thrilling
Though your [Dm]nose gets a [G7]chilling
We'll [G7]frolic and [F]play, the [Em]Eskimo [A7]way
[Dm]Walking in a [G7]winter [C]wonderland [A7]
[Dm]Walking in a [G7]winter [C]wonderland
[Dm]Walking in a [G7]winter [C]wonderland

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Have a terrific holiday season!!!

Warmly, ~ Alyna