

Christmas Just for You

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10 Popular Songs of the Season

When I was in college, I played in a private club every weekend for several years. Each Christmas season, I wished that I had a collection of popular Christmas songs arranged in a variety of styles to share with my audiences, friends, and family.

With that wish in mind, I arranged my personal favorites for *Christmas Just for You*. I hope that you will have as much fun playing them as I had in writing the arrangements! Included are lush, romantic harmonies in "Blue Christmas" and "Home for the Holidays." Jazzy versions of "Santa Baby," "Let There Be Peace on Earth," and "Mistletoe and Holly" will bring a smile to your face. Sounds from the Hawaiian islands prevail in "Mele Kalikimaka." And if you enjoy Jim Brickman's song "The Gift" as much as I do, you will discover a new twist to this audience favorite!

Merry Christmas to you and yours! May your holiday season be blessed with love, good music, and much happiness.

Dennis Alexander

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BLUE CHRISTMAS

Words and Music by
Bill Hayes and Jay Johnson
Arr. Dennis Alexander

Affectionately

mp

with pedal

3

mf

espressivo

5

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Words and Music by
Sy Miller and Jill Jackson
Arr. Dennis Alexander

Moderately, with a lilt (♩ = $\overset{\frown}{\text{♩}} \overset{\frown}{\text{♩}}$)

The piano score is written for a grand piano in 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a measure number in a box at the beginning of the first staff.

- System 1 (Measures 1-6):** The right hand features a melody with eighth and quarter notes, including a triplet of eighth notes in measure 3. The left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The tempo/mood is indicated as "Moderately, with a lilt" with a musical example. The dynamic is marked *mp*. A "with pedal" instruction is placed below the first measure of the left hand.
- System 2 (Measures 7-12):** Continues the musical themes, with the right hand having some rests and the left hand maintaining a steady accompaniment.
- System 3 (Measures 13-18):** Features more complex rhythmic patterns, including a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand in measure 15.
- System 4 (Measures 19-24):** The final system on the page, concluding the piece with sustained chords in the right hand and a moving bass line in the left hand.

MELE KALIKIMAKA

Words and Music by R. Alex Anderson
Arr. Dennis Alexander

Happily

mf

5

1 3 1 3 2 3 1 3

1 3 1 3 2 3 1 3

9

mp

with pedal

13

4 1 3 2 5 3 4 1 3 2 2 1 2

3 2 4

ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Words and Music by Johnny Marks
Arr. Dennis Alexander

Bright swing tempo (♩ = $\frac{3}{4}$)

5
3
1

f

1
3

with pedal

5

3 3

1 2 1

3 3

9

4
2
1

mf

4
3

8

2

1

13

3

1 1 3 1 2 1