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Français:

Chaque culture célèbre Noël à sa manière, avec ses traditions musicales uniques. Dans nos pays, cette fête est souvent associée à des mélodies douces et apaisantes : berceuses, hymnes et danses populaires rythment nos veillées, enveloppant cette période d'une atmosphère de sérénité et de recueillement. Ces airs intemporels bercent notre enfance et perpétuent la magie de Noël à travers les générations.

Cependant, j'ai eu l'envie d'explorer une autre facette de cette fête en lui apportant une touche plus dynamique et festive. Pourquoi ne pas revisiter ces mélodies avec une influence plus jazzy ? Le jazz, avec sa richesse harmonique et sa liberté rythmique, permet d'insuffler une nouvelle énergie aux chants traditionnels. Des arrangements swinguant, des improvisations lumineuses et des harmonies colorées pourraient offrir une palette sonore éclatante, comme autant de lumières scintillantes sur un sapin de Noël.

En intégrant ces sonorités plus modernes, on enrichit la fête d'une ambiance chaleureuse et pétillante, où l'esprit de Noël se pare d'accents joyeux et dansants. Entre douceur et vivacité, tradition et modernité, ces arrangements jazz apporteraient une touche de fraîcheur à notre répertoire de Noël. Une façon originale de célébrer cette période magique en alliant le charme du passé à l'énergie du présent.

Deutsch:

Jede Kultur feiert Weihnachten auf ihre Weise und mit ihren eigenen musikalischen Traditionen. In unseren Breitengraden ist das Fest oft mit sanften und beruhigenden Melodien verbunden: Wiegenlieder, Kirchenlieder und Volkstänze bestimmen den Rhythmus der nächtlichen Stunden und hüllen diese Zeit in eine Atmosphäre der Ruhe und Besinnlichkeit. Diese zeitlosen Melodien sind die Wiege unserer Kindheit und tragen den Zauber von Weihnachten über Generationen hinweg.

Ich hatte jedoch den Wunsch, eine andere Facette dieses Festes zu erforschen und ihm eine dynamischere und festlichere Note zu verleihen. Warum nicht diese Melodien neu interpretieren und dabei mehr Jazz einfließen lassen? Der Jazz mit seinem harmonischen Reichtum und seiner rhythmischen Freiheit ermöglicht es, den traditionellen Liedern neue Energie einzuhauchen. Swingende Arrangements, brillante Improvisationen und farbige Harmonien könnten eine strahlende Klangpalette bieten, wie so viele funkelnde Lichter an einem Weihnachtsbaum.

Durch die Integration dieser moderneren Klänge wird das Fest um eine warme und prickelnde Atmosphäre bereichert, in der die Spiritualität der Weihnacht mit fröhlichen und tanzbaren Akzenten angereichert wird. Zwischen Sanftheit und Lebendigkeit, Tradition und Moderne bringen diese Jazz-Arrangements frischen Wind in unser Weihnachtsrepertoire. Eine originelle Art, diese magische Zeit zu feiern, die den Charme der Vergangenheit mit der Energie der Gegenwart verbindet.

English:

Every culture celebrates Christmas in its own way, with its own unique musical traditions. In our part of the world, this holiday is often associated with soft, soothing melodies: lullabies, hymns and folk dances fill our evenings and wrap the season in an atmosphere of serenity and contemplation. These timeless melodies cradle our childhood and perpetuate the magic of Christmas through the generations.

However, I wanted to explore a different facet of this holiday by giving it a more dynamic and festive touch. Why not revisit these melodies with a jazzier influence? Jazz, with its harmonic richness and rhythmic freedom, breathes new energy into traditional songs. Swinging arrangements, bright improvisations and colourful harmonies could provide a dazzling palette of sounds, like so many twinkling lights on a Christmas tree.

By integrating these more modern sounds, we enrich the festivities with a warm, sparkling atmosphere, where the spirit of Christmas is adorned with joyful, dancing accents. Between sweetness and liveliness, tradition and modernity, these jazz arrangements bring a touch of freshness to our Christmas repertoire. An original way to celebrate this magical time of year, combining the charm of the past with the energy of the present.



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♩ = ca. 168 Bebop

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10

18

28

38

48

58

66

76

A

B

C

D

E

p *mf* *f*

p *cresc.* *mf* *p* *cresc.*

f *f*

f *fp*

f *f*

1. *4* 2. *f* *ff*

p *f*

f

p subito cresc. *f*

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Violoncello

Piano /
or Organ

Contrabass
(optional)



5

A



10

B



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15

C

15

cresc. *f*

mf

mf

20

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

25

f

f

f

f

29

D

f

mf

mf

mf

2. A Silent Night Fantasy

Arr.: Jean-François Michel

♩ = ca. 92

Measures 1-7 of the piece. The score is in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The tempo is marked as ca. 92. The music features a piano (p) dynamic. The right hand plays a series of chords, while the left hand plays a melodic line with a pizzicato (pizz.) instruction. The bass line is also marked with a piano (p) dynamic.

8

A

Measures 8-14 of the piece. The music continues with the same piano (p) dynamic. The right hand plays a series of chords, while the left hand plays a melodic line. A section marker 'A' is placed above measure 10.

15

Measures 15-20 of the piece. The music continues with the same piano (p) dynamic. The right hand plays a series of chords, while the left hand plays a melodic line.

21 B

Measures 21-27 of the piece. The music continues with the same piano (p) dynamic. The right hand plays a series of chords, while the left hand plays a melodic line. A section marker 'B' is placed above measure 21.

3. Gospel

Jean-François Michel

Largo ♩ = ca. 66

Piano

Play

A

Measures 1-5 of the musical score. The score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. It features three staves: a single bass line, a grand staff (treble and bass), and a single bass line. The tempo is Largo (♩ = ca. 66). The first staff has a 'Play' instruction and a box 'A'. Dynamics include *p* (piano), *sostenuto*, *f* (forte), *dim.* (diminuendo), and *pizz.* (pizzicato). The grand staff has a *f* dynamic at the start and a *p* dynamic at the end. The bottom staff has a *f* dynamic at the start and a *p* dynamic at the end.

6

Measures 6-11 of the musical score. The score continues with the same three-staff layout. Measure 6 has a *sim.* (simile) instruction. The grand staff features complex chordal textures. The bottom staff continues with a steady bass line.

12

Measures 12-18 of the musical score. The score continues with the same three-staff layout. Measure 12 has a *cresc.* (crescendo) instruction. The grand staff features complex chordal textures. The bottom staff continues with a steady bass line.

19

B

Measures 19-24 of the musical score. The score continues with the same three-staff layout. Measure 19 has a *cresc.* (crescendo) instruction. Measure 20 has a *f* (forte) dynamic. The grand staff features complex chordal textures. The bottom staff continues with a steady bass line.

26

C Moderato ♩ = ca. 112

26

f *dim.*

dim. *f marcato*

f

33

f marcato

43

53

D

4. When The Stars Begin To Fall

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♩ = ca. 68

p

arco *pizz.* *arco* *pizz.*

p

5

p *p*

arco *pizz.*

9

13

mf

17 **B**

Musical score for measures 17-21, section B. The score is written for three staves: a single bass staff at the top, a grand staff (treble and bass) in the middle, and a single bass staff at the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together, and some longer note values. Measure 21 ends with a double bar line.

22

C

Musical score for measures 22-26, section C. The score is written for three staves: a single bass staff at the top, a grand staff (treble and bass) in the middle, and a single bass staff at the bottom. The key signature has one flat. Measure 22 starts with a double bar line. The music includes a *mf* (mezzo-forte) dynamic marking in measure 24. Measure 26 ends with a double bar line.

27

Musical score for measures 27-31. The score is written for three staves: a single bass staff at the top, a grand staff (treble and bass) in the middle, and a single bass staff at the bottom. The key signature has one flat. The music continues with various note values and rests. Measure 31 ends with a double bar line.

32

D

Musical score for measures 32-36, section D. The score is written for three staves: a single bass staff at the top, a grand staff (treble and bass) in the middle, and a single bass staff at the bottom. The key signature has one flat. Measure 32 starts with a double bar line. The music includes a *mf* (mezzo-forte) dynamic marking in measure 32. Measure 36 ends with a double bar line.

5. Good King Wenceslas

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Cool ♩ = ca. 172

7

13

19 A

25

B

Musical score for measures 25-30, section B. The score is written for three staves: Bass, Treble, and Bass. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The music features a variety of note values, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. Dynamic markings include *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *f* (forte). The section is marked with a box labeled 'B'.

31

Musical score for measures 31-37. The score is written for three staves: Bass, Treble, and Bass. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The music features a variety of note values, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. Dynamic markings include *f* (forte), *mf* (mezzo-forte), and *p* (piano). The section is marked with a box labeled 'B'.

38

C

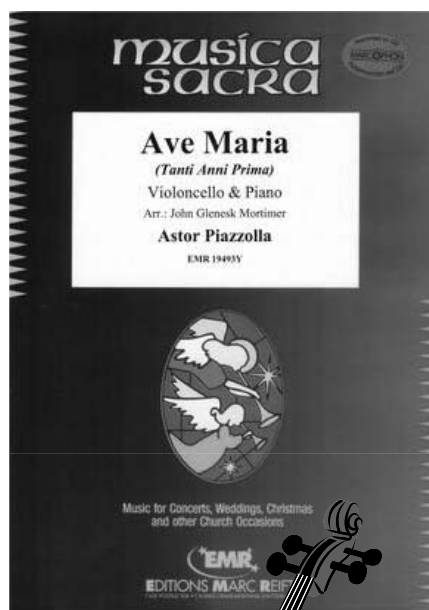
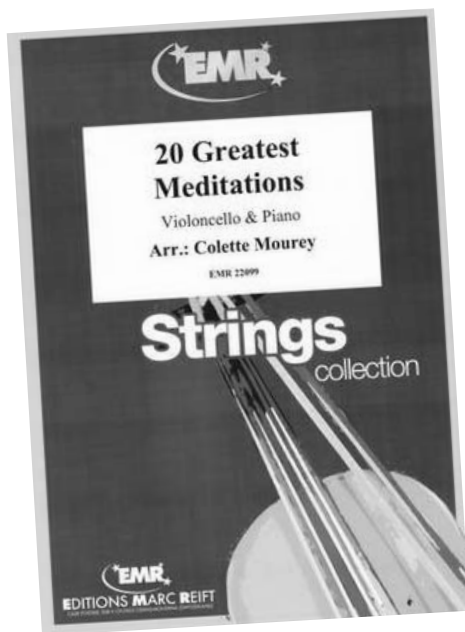
Musical score for measures 38-43, section C. The score is written for three staves: Bass, Treble, and Bass. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The music features a variety of note values, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. Dynamic markings include *mf* (mezzo-forte), *p* (piano), and *mf* (mezzo-forte). The section is marked with a box labeled 'C'.

44

D

Musical score for measures 44-49, section D. The score is written for three staves: Bass, Treble, and Bass. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The music features a variety of note values, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. Dynamic markings include *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *p* (piano). The section is marked with a box labeled 'D'.

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