

Famous & Fun Christmas Duets

===== 6 Duets for One Piano, Four Hands =====

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Famous & Fun Christmas Duets, Book 3, contains 6 carefully selected Christmas favorites. The duets are arranged in equal parts for elementary to late elementary pianists, and are written for one piano, four hands. For easier reading, each part is written using both treble and bass clefs, with directions for the *primo* to play up an octave and the *secondo* down an octave. Additionally, the melody often shifts between *primo* and *secondo*, creating interesting parts for both players. Students are sure to enjoy their experience with these fun duets!



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Silent Night

Secondo

Words by Joseph Mohr
Music by Franz Grüber
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Flowing

Play both hands one octave lower

The first system of musical notation for the piano accompaniment. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The treble staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G4, quarter note A4, and quarter note B4, all under a slur with a fingering '1'. The bass staff begins with a half note G2, marked with a 'p' (piano) dynamic and a fingering '5'.

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues with the half note G4, quarter note A4, and quarter note B4 under a slur with a fingering '1'. The bass staff has a half note G2. The third measure of the treble staff has a half note G4, quarter note A4, and quarter note B4 under a slur with fingering '1' and '2'.

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff has a half note G4, quarter note A4, and quarter note B4 under a slur with a fingering '1'. The bass staff has a half note G2. The second measure of the treble staff has a half note G4, quarter note A4, and quarter note B4 under a slur with a fingering '4'. The third measure of the treble staff has a half note G4, quarter note A4, and quarter note B4 under a slur. The bass staff has a half note G2. The lyrics 'round yon' are written below the treble staff, with 'round' under the first measure and 'yon' under the third measure. A 'mp' (mezzo-piano) dynamic marking is placed between the two staves.

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff has a half note G4, quarter note A4, and quarter note B4 under a slur. The bass staff has a half note G2. The lyrics 'Vir - gin' are written below the first measure, 'Moth - er and' below the second measure, and 'Child.' below the third measure. A long slur covers the entire treble staff across all three measures.

Silent Night

Primo

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Flowing

Play both hands one octave higher

1

Si - lent night, ho - ly

mp

3
5

4

night, all is calm,

2

7

all is bright

3

p

10

all is bright

Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy

(from *The Nutcracker*)

Secondo

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Arranged by Carol Matz

Quickly

Play both hands *AS WRITTEN*

1

5

3 1

9

2 5

13

1 5 1 4

Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy

(from *The Nutcracker*)

Primo

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Arranged by Carol Matz

Quickly

Play both hands TWO octaves higher

Musical notation for measures 1-4. The piece is in 4/4 time and begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The right hand plays a melody of eighth notes, while the left hand plays a simple accompaniment of quarter notes. Fingerings are indicated above the notes.

Musical notation for measures 5-8. The right hand continues the eighth-note melody with various fingerings (2, 1, 3). The left hand accompaniment includes some chords and rests. Measure numbers 5, 1, 3, and 1/3 are indicated below the staff.

Musical notation for measures 9-12. The right hand features chords and eighth notes with fingerings 1 and 5/3. The left hand accompaniment consists of quarter notes and rests. Measure numbers 9, 3, 1, and 5/3 are indicated below the staff.

Musical notation for measures 13-16. The right hand plays chords and eighth notes with fingerings 4/2, 4/2, 3, 5, and 4/2. The left hand accompaniment includes quarter notes and rests. Measure numbers 13, 4/2, 4/2, 3, 5, and 4/2 are indicated below the staff.