

CHRISTMAS IS THE BEST TIME OF THE YEAR

(A CHRISTMAS MEDLEY)

SATB with Piano

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Sleigh ride feel (♩ = 138-144)

Piano

f

B♭add9 Ebmaj7

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time with a 'Sleigh Ride' feel. It features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb). The first measure has a Bbadd9 chord, and the second measure has an Ebmaj7 chord. The dynamics start with a forte (f) marking.

Cm7 Dm7 Ebmaj7 Em7b5 Ebadd9/F

The piano accompaniment continues with chords Cm7, Dm7, Ebmaj7, Em7b5, and Ebadd9/F. The melody in the right hand is more active, with eighth and sixteenth notes. The left hand provides a steady bass line.

S

A

mf

Deck the halls_ and trim the tree, it's Christ - mas.

T

B

The vocal staves show the Soprano (S) and Tenor (T) parts. The lyrics are 'Deck the halls_ and trim the tree, it's Christ - mas.' The dynamics are marked as mezzo-forte (mf). The bass line (B) is also visible below the Tenor staff.

B♭add9 Ab6/Bb

mf

The piano accompaniment continues with chords B♭add9 and Ab6/Bb. The melody in the right hand is more active, with eighth and sixteenth notes. The left hand provides a steady bass line. The dynamics are marked as mezzo-forte (mf).

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Cel - e - brate, - for Christ - mas time is

Bbadd9 Cm/Bb Bb Dm7/Bb Bb6

here. Mis - tle - toe — and

Am7b5 D7b9 Gmaj9

hol - ly help the sea - son tes - ti - fy — it's

Am7/G Gmaj7 Am7/G Gadd9 F#m7 B7b9 B7b9

great to be a - live at Christ - mas.

Bm7/E Em7 G6/A A9 Cmaj7/D Bm7/D

Sil - ver bells ring out the news, "It's

Eb/F F7 Eb/F F7 Bbadd9

Choirs sing a - (of

Christ - mas."

Ab/Bb Bbadd9

bout the Ba - by's birth. _____
 our Re - deem - er's birth. _____)

Ab/Bb Abmaj7/Bb Bb7

Wrap up — your pres - ents, — re - live your ad - o -

Ebmaj7 C7sus/D Ebmaj7

les cence; — Christ - mas is — the best time of the

Bb/D Bbm maj9(b5)/Db Dbdim Cm7 Eb6/F

B

year. _____

Fa - la - la - la - la Sing

B

Bbadd9 Ebmaj7

"Jin - gle Bells," - in a one - horse o - pen sleigh.

Dm7 Gm7 Cm7 Eb6/F Bbadd9

What a time to all be car - ol - ing - this way. _____

Em7b5 G6/A A7 Dmaj7

mp C

God rest ye mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let

mp

Dmaj7 Em7 Fm7 F#maj7 Fm7 Em7 Ebm7 C Dm7 G7 Dm7 G7

mp

noth - ing you dis - may. Re - mem - ber Christ our

Bbmaj7 Am7 Gm7 Em7b5 G6/A Gm7b5/A Dm7 G7

Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day.

Dm7 G7 Bbmaj7 A7sus A7 D7

D

Hark, the her - ald an - gels sing, glo - ry to — the

D

G B7b9 Em B/F# Em/G Em7/G A A/G D/F#

mf new - born King. *mf* Hark, the her - ald an - gels sing,

Bm A/C# D

glo - ry to — the new - born King. No -

A A/G D/F# G G6/A D Ab/Bb Bb13

E

el, _____ No - el, No - el, No -

E

el, born is the King of

E

el, Is ra - el. O come, let

E

Is ra - el. O come, let

F

Is ra - el. O come, let

F

Is ra - el. O come, let

us a - dore Him. O

Bbadd9/F F Bbadd9/F

come, let us a - dore

Am7b5 D7b9 F6/G G7

Him. O come, let us a -

Gm/C C7/E Eb/F D/F# Gm D7/A Gm G7/B

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dore _____ Him, _____ Christ, _____

C C/Bb F/A Gm F/C

G

the Lord.

Glo

C F Bbadd9/F

Glo

ri - a

Fmaj7 C/E C C/Bb Am7b5 D7b9



ri - a

Gm7 C7b9 Fmaj7 Bbmaj7 Ebmaj7 Bb/C C/Bb

in ex - cel - sis De o.

F/A Gm/Bb F/C Bb/C F

Fa - la - la - la - la - la - la - la

Fa - la - la - la - la - la - la - la - la - la - la - la

Eb6/F F7



H

mf

Sil - ver bells— ring out the news, it's Christ - mas.

mf

H

mf

Bbadd9 Abadd9

Choirs sing a - bout the Ba - by's
(of our Re - deem - er's

Ab/Bb Gm/Bb Ab/Bb Abmaj7/Bb Bbadd9

birth.
birth.) Wrap up— your

Ab/Bb Abmaj7/Bb Bb7 Bb13 Ab/Bb Ebmaj7

pres - ents, re - live your ad - o - les - cence;

C7sus/D Ebmaj7 Bb/D Bbm maj9(b5)/Db Dbdim

Christ - mas is the best time of the year.

Cm7 Bbsus/C Eb6/F Bbadd9

it's

Bring out the hol - ly,

Ebmaj7 C7sus/D

time to be jol - ly; — Christ-mas is — the best time, —

*Eb*maj7 (b5) *Bb/D Bbm maj9/Db Dbdim Cm7 Bbsus/C Eb/F Eb6/F*

Christ - mas is — the

Cm7 Bbmaj7/F

best time, — *cresc.*

Fm6/Ab G7sus G7

f

Christ - mas is the best time of the

f

Cm7 C7sus/D Eb6/C F6/D Eb6/F Eb/F

f

Party sounds (laughter, screaming, etc.)

year.

Bbadd9 Ebmaj7

ff

Mer-ry Christ-mas!

ff

Cm7 Eb/F N.C.

ff

