

# 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Based on the classic text by Clement Clarke Moore

**Joyously** ♩. = 68

Flute 1  
Flute 2  
Oboe 1  
English Horn  
Clarinet 1 in Bb  
Clarinet 2 in Bb  
Bassoon 1  
Bassoon 2  
Horn 1-2 in F  
Horn 3-4 in F  
Trumpet 1-2 in Bb  
Trumpet 3 in Bb  
Trombone 1-2  
Trombone 3  
Tuba  
Timpani  
Percussion  
Harp  
Vocal

*f*, *p*, *mf*, *a2*

Sus Cym, Snare Dr, Glock

*mf*  
Twas the

**Joyously** ♩. = 68

Violin I  
Violin II  
Viola  
Violoncello  
Contrabass

*f*, *p*

Poco Rit...

Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob. 1  
EH  
Cl. 1  
Cl. 2  
Bn. 1  
Bn. 2

12  
8

*mp* *f*

Hn. 1-2  
Hn. 3-4  
Tpt. 1-2  
Tpt. 3  
Tbn. 1-2  
Tbn. 3  
Tba

12  
8

*mp* *f* a2

Timp.  
Perc.  
Hp

12  
8

*mp* *f* *mp* Sus Cym

Voc.

*f* *mp*

Night Be-fore Christ-mas— Twas the Night Be-fore Christ-mas— Twas the

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Poco Rit...

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla  
Vc.  
Cb.

12  
8

*mp* *f*

**A** Slightly Slower ♩ = 56

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

EH

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bn. 1

Bn. 2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tpt. 1-2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1-2

Tbn. 3

Tba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp

Voc.

night be-fore Christ-mas, when all through the house Not a crea-ture was stir-ring, not e-ven a mouse. The stock-ings were hung by the chim-ney with care, In

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12

**A** Slightly Slower ♩ = 56

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob. 1  
EH  
Cl. 1  
Cl. 2  
Bn. 1  
Bn. 2  
Hn. 1-2  
Hn. 3-4  
Tpt. 1-2  
Tpt. 3  
Tbn. 1-2  
Tbn. 3  
Tba  
Timp.  
Perc.  
Hp  
Voc.

hopes that St. Nich-o-las soon would be there      The child-ren were nes-tled all snug in their beds, While      vi-sions of su-gar plums danced in their heads. And Ma-

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16

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla  
Vc.  
Cb.

pizz      arco  
pizz      arco  
pizz      arco  
pizz      pizz  
pizz

*p*

Poco Accel...

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

EH

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bn. 1

Bn. 2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tpt. 1-2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1-2

Tbn. 3

Tba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp

Voc.

ma in her ker-chief, And Pa-pa in his cap had just set-tled their brains for a long win-ter's nap. When

17

18

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Poco Accel...

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

**B** Tempo I ♩. = 68

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

EH

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bn. 1

Bn. 2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tpt. 1-2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1-2

Tbn. 3

Tba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp

Voc.

out on the lawn there a - rose such a clat - ter I sprang from the bed to see what was the mat - ter A

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**B** Tempo I ♩. = 68

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

Fl. 1 *f* *tr.* *mf*

Fl. 2 *f* *tr.* *mf*

Ob. 1 *f* *mf*

EH *mf*

Cl. 1 *mf* *f* *tr.* *mf*

Cl. 2 *mf*

Bn. 1 *mf*

Bn. 2 *mf*

Hn. 1-2 *mf*

Hn. 3-4 *mf*

Tpt. 1-2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1-2 *con sord.* *mf*

Tbn. 3

Tba

Timp.

Perc. *f* *Trgl* *Sus Cym* *mf*

Hp (ordinario) *f*

FOR PERSAL ONLY

Voc. way to the win-dow I flew like a flash, Tore o-pen the shut-ters, and threw up the sash. *p* The

25 26 27 28

Vln. I *mf* *div.* *sfp* *mf*

Vln. II *mf* *sfp* *mf*

Vla *mf* *div.* *unis.* *sfp* *mf*

Vc. *mf*

Cb.

C Slightly Slower ♩ = 56

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

EH

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bn. 1

Bn. 2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tpt. 1-2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1-2

Tbn. 3

Tba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp

Voc.

moon on the breast of the new fal-len snow gave a lus-ter of mid-day to ob-jects be low When what to my won-der-ing eyes should ap-pear, but a

C Slightly Slower ♩ = 56

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Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.



Faster ♩ = 60

Fl. 1 *mp* *p*

Fl. 2 *mp* *p*

Ob. 1 *mp* *p*

EH *mp* *p*

Cl. 1 *mp* *p*

Cl. 2 *mp* *p*

Bn. 1 *mp* *mf*

Bn. 2 *mp* *mf*

Hn. 1-2 *p* open

Hn. 3-4 *p* open

Tpt. 1-2 *p* open *mp*

Tpt. 3 *mp* open

Tbn. 1-2 *p* open *mp*

Tbn. 3 *p* open

Tba *p*

Timp. *p*

Perc. *mp* Trgl

Hp

3

4

3

4

3

4

min-ia-ture sleigh,

and eight ti-ny Rein-deer

With a

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Faster ♩ = 60

Vln. I *pizz* *mp* *arco*

Vln. II *pizz* *mp* *arco*

Vla *pizz* *mp* *arco*

Vc. *pizz* *mp* *mf*

Cb. *pizz* *mp* *mf*

3

4

D Waltz Feel ♩ = 180 (♩ = ♩)

Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob. 1  
EH  
Cl. 1  
Cl. 2  
Bn. 1  
Bn. 2  
Hn. 1-2  
Hn. 3-4  
Tpt. 1-2  
Tpt. 3  
Tbn. 1-2  
Tbn. 3  
Tba  
Timp.  
Perc.  
Hp

lit - tle old dri - ver, so live - ly and quick, I knew in a mo - ment it must be St. Nick. More

36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43

D Waltz Feel ♩ = 180 (♩ = ♩)

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla  
Vc.  
Cb.

Rit...

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

EH

Cl. 1 *mp*

Cl. 2 *mp*

Bn. 1

Bn. 2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tpt. 1-2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1-2

Tbn. 3

Tba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp *mp*

Voc. ra - pid than ea - gles his rein - deer they came, And he whis - tled, and shout ed, and called them by name: \_\_\_\_\_

44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52

Rit...

Vln. I *pizz unis.*

Vln. II *pizz*

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

Jaunty ♩. = 68

E

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

EH

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bn. 1

Bn. 2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tpt. 1-2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1-2

Tbn. 3

Tba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp

"Now,

Dash-er! Now Dan-cer Now Pran-cer and Vix-en On,

Co-met On, Cu-pid! On, Don-ner and Blix-en! To the

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56

Jaunty ♩. = 68

E

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

Rit...

Fl. 1 *mf*

Fl. 2 *mf*

Ob. 1 *mf*

EH *mf*

Cl. 1 *mf*

Cl. 2 *mf*

Bn. 1

Bn. 2

Hn. 1-2 *mp*

Hn. 3-4 *mp*

Tpt. 1-2 *mp*

Tpt. 3 *mp*

Tbn. 1-2

Tbn. 3

Tba

Timp.

Perc. *Sus Cym* w/ stick

Hp *mf*

top of the porch, to the top of the wall,

Now Dash a-way! Dash a-way! Dash a - way all!"

As dry

57

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Rit...

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

F Slower ♩ = 56

Fl. 1 *mp*

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

EH *mp*

Cl. 1 *p*

Cl. 2 *p*

Bn. 1 *p*

Bn. 2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tpt. 1-2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1-2

Tbn. 3

Tba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp *p*

Voc.

leaves that be - fore the wild hur ri cane fly, When they meet with an ob - sta - cle, mount to the sky. So

60 61 62

F Slower ♩ = 56

Vln. I *p*

Vln. II *p*

Vla *p*

Vc. *p*

Cb. *p*

Brighter ♩. = 68

Poco Accel...

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

EH

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bn. 1

Bn. 2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tpt. 1-2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1-2

Tbn. 3

Tba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp

up to the house-top the rein-deer they flew, With a sleigh full of toys and St. Nich-o las too. And then in a twink-ling, I heard on the roof

63

64

65

Brighter ♩. = 68

Poco Accel...

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

EH

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bn. 1

Bn. 2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tpt. 1-2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1-2

Tbn. 3

Tba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp

Voc.

The pranc-ing and paw-ing of each lit-tle hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turn-ing a-round, Down the

66

67

68

69

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.



**Molto Rit...** **A Tempo** **Rit...**

Fl. 1 *mf*

Fl. 2

Ob. 1 *mf*

EH *mf*

Cl. 1 *mf*

Cl. 2 *mf*

Bn. 1 *mf*

Bn. 2 *mf*

Hn. 1-2 *mf*

Hn. 3-4

Tpt. 1-2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1-2

Tbn. 3

Tba

Timp.

Perc. *pp* *mp*  
Sus Cym (mallet)

Hp *mf*

Voc.  
chim-ney St. Nich-o-las came with a bound.



**70** **71** **72** **73**

**Molto Rit...** **A Tempo** **Rit...**

Vln. I *mp* *mf*

Vln. II *mf*

Vla *mf*

Vc. *mf*

Cb. *mf* *pizz*

G Slower & Marked ♩ = 72 Poco Accel... (♩ = ♩) Faster ♩ = 64

Fl. 1 2 3 3 12

Fl. 2 2 3 3 12 *to Picc* *Picc* *mp*

Ob. 1 4 4 8 8

EH 4 4 8 8

Cl. 1 4 4 8 8

Cl. 2 4 4 8 8 *mp*

Bn. 1 4 4 8 8 *mp*

Bn. 2 4 4 8 8 *mp*

Hn. 1-2 2 3 3 12 *mp*

Hn. 3-4 2 3 3 12 *mp*

Tpt. 1-2 4 4 8 8 *con sord.* *mp*

Tpt. 3 4 4 8 8 *con sord.* *mp*

Tbn. 1-2 4 4 8 8 *mp*

Tbn. 3 4 4 8 8 *mp*

Tba 4 4 8 8

Timp. 2 3 3 12

Perc. 4 4 8 8 *Bass Drum* *mp*

Hp 4 4 8 8

Voc. He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot And his clothes were all tar-nished with ash-es and soot.

74 75 76 77 78

G Slower & Marked ♩ = 72 Poco Accel... (♩ = ♩) Faster ♩ = 64

Vln. I 2 3 3 12 *pizz* *mf*

Vln. II 2 3 3 12 *pizz* *mf*

Vla 4 4 8 8 *pizz* *mf*

Vc. 4 4 8 8

Cb. 4 4 8 8 *mp*

Fl. 1

Picc

Ob. 1

EH

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bn. 1

Bn. 2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tpt. 1-2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1-2

Tbn. 3

Tba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp

Voc.

A bun - dle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a ped - dler just op - 'ning his pack.

79

80

81

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

Rit... H Gently ♩. = 60

Fl. 1 *mp*

Picc

Ob. 1 *mp*

EH

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bn. 1

Bn. 2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tpt. 1-2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1-2

Tbn. 3

Tba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp *mp*

Voc.

His eyes, how they twink- led! His dim- ples how mer-ry! His cheeks were like ro- ses, His nose like a cher-ry! His

82

83

84

Rit... H Gently *arco* ♩. = 60

Vln. I *mp*

Vln. II *mp*

Vla *mp*

Vc. *mp*

Cb.

Poco Rit

Fl. 1

Picc

Ob. 1

EH

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bn. 1

Bn. 2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tpt. 1-2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1-2

Tbn. 3

Tba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp

Voc.

droll lit - tle mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow! The

85

86

87

Poco Rit

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

Slightly Slower

Fl. 1 *p*

Picc

Ob. 1 *p*

EH

Cl. 1 *p*

Cl. 2 *p*

Bn. 1 *p*

Bn. 2 *p*

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tpt. 1-2 *p* open

Tpt. 3 *p* open

Tbn. 1-2 *p* open

Tbn. 3 *p*

Tba

Timp.

Perc.

Sus Cym

Hp *pp*

Voc. stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke, it en - cir - cled his head like a wreath. He had a broad face and a lit - tle round bel - ly, That

88

89

90

Slightly Slower

Vln. I *pp* div.

Vln. II *pp* div.

Vla *p*

Vc. *p*

Cb. *p* arco

unis.

**Accel...**

Fl. 1

Picc

Ob. 1

EH

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bn. 1

Bn. 2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tpt. 1-2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1-2

Tbn. 3

Tba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp

Voc.

shook when he laughed, like a bowl - ful of jel - ly. He was

91

92

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94

95

**Accel...**

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

**Happy!** ♩ = 78

I

Fl. 1 *mf*

Picc *mf*

Ob. 1 *mf*

EH *mf*

Cl. 1 *mf*

Cl. 2 *mf*

Bn. 1 *mf*

Bn. 2 *mf*

Hn. 1-2 *mf*

Hn. 3-4 *mf*

Tpt. 1-2 *mf*

Tpt. 3 *mf*

Tbn. 1-2 *mf*

Tbn. 3 *mf* cup mute

Tba *mf*

Timp.

Perc. *mp* Temple Blocks

Hp *mf*

Voc.

chub-by and plump, a jol-ly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him in spite of my - self! A wink of his eye and a twist of his head soon

**Happy!** ♩ = 78

I

Vln. I *f* pizz arco

Vln. II *f* pizz arco

Vla *f* pizz arco

Vc. *f*

Cb. *f*

96 97 98 99 100 101



Rit... Lightly, Poco Rubato

Fl. 1

Picc

Ob. 1

EH

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bn. 1

Bn. 2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tpt. 1-2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1-2

Tbn. 3

Tba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp

Voc.

gave me to know I had no-thing to dread. He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stock - ings, then

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Rit... Lightly, Poco Rubato

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

**In Tempo**

**Rubato**

**Rit...**

**Rubato**

**Rit...**

Fl. 1  
Picc  
Ob. 1  
EH  
Cl. 1  
Cl. 2  
Bn. 1  
Bn. 2

Hn. 1-2  
Hn. 3-4  
Tpt. 1-2  
Tpt. 3  
Tbn. 1-2  
Tbn. 3  
Tba

Timp.  
Perc.  
Hp

Voc.  
turned with a jerk. And lay-ing his fin-ger a - side of his nose, And giv-ing a nod, up the chim - ney he rose! He

**108**

**109**

**110**

**111**

**112**

**113**

**In Tempo**

**Rubato**

**Rit...**

**Rubato**

**Rit...**

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla  
Vc.  
Cb.

**Faster** ♩ = 78

(♩ = ♩.)

FL. 1  
Picc  
Ob. 1  
EH  
Cl. 1  
Cl. 2  
Bn. 1  
Bn. 2  
Hn. 1-2  
Hn. 3-4  
Tpt. 1-2  
Tpt. 3  
Tbn. 1-2  
Tbn. 3  
Tba  
Timp.  
Perc.  
Hp  
Voc.

**3**  
**4**

**9**  
**8**

**3**  
**4**

**9**  
**8**

**3**  
**4**

**9**  
**8**

**3**  
**4**

**9**  
**8**

Siren Whistle  
Sus Cym

sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whis-tle A - way they all flew like the down of a this - tle

**114**  
**Faster** ♩ = 78

(♩ = ♩.)

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla  
Vc.  
Cb.

**3**  
**4**

**9**  
**8**

**3**  
**4**

**9**  
**8**

**3**  
**4**

**9**  
**8**

arco  
mf

Full & Rich: Like the Beginning

Rall...

FL. 1  
Picc  
Ob. 1  
EH  
Cl. 1  
Cl. 2  
Bn. 1  
Bn. 2  
Hn. 1-2  
Hn. 3-4  
Tpt. 1-2  
Tpt. 3  
Tbn. 1-2  
Tbn. 3  
Tba  
Timp.  
Perc.  
Hp  
Voc.

118 119 120 121

But I

Full & Rich: Like the Beginning

Rall...

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla  
Vc.  
Cb.

118 119 120 121

Broader ♩ = 72

Accel...

Fl. 1  
Picc  
Ob. 1  
EH  
Cl. 1  
Cl. 2  
Bn. 1  
Bn. 2  
Hn. 1-2  
Hn. 3-4  
Tpt. 1-2  
Tpt. 3  
Tbn. 1-2  
Tbn. 3  
Tba  
Timp.  
Perc.  
Hp  
Voc.

heard him ex-claim as he drove out of sight, "Mer-ry Christ-mas to all, and to all a

122

123

124

125

Broader ♩ = 72

Accel...

Faster ♩ = 90

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla  
Vc.  
Cb.

Molto Rit... A Tempo

FL. 1  
FL. 2  
Ob. 1  
EH  
Cl. 1  
Cl. 2  
Bn. 1  
Bn. 2  
Hn. 1-2  
Hn. 3-4  
Tpt. 1-2  
Tpt. 3  
Tbn. 1-2  
Tbn. 3  
Tba  
Timp.  
Perc.  
Hp  
Voc.

good night!"

126

127  
Molto Rit...

128  
A Tempo

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130

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla  
Vc.  
Cb.