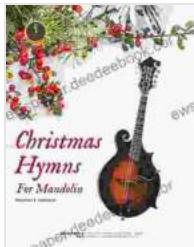


Christmas Hymns for Mandolin Notation and Tablature: A Festive Musical Journey

As the festive season approaches, the melodies of Christmas hymns fill the air, evoking a sense of joy and wonder. For mandolin enthusiasts, these timeless songs offer an opportunity to express their musicality and spread holiday cheer. This comprehensive guide provides a rich collection of Christmas hymns arranged for mandolin notation and tablature, empowering musicians to enhance their holiday repertoire and create enchanting musical experiences.



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Understanding Notation and Tablature

Before delving into the hymns, it's essential to familiarize oneself with mandolin notation and tablature. Notation uses traditional musical symbols to represent pitch and rhythm, while tablature provides a simplified representation of the fingerings on the mandolin's fretboard. This guide includes both notation and tablature for each hymn, enabling musicians of all skill levels to play these beloved melodies.

Hymn Collection

▪ Silent Night

This classic hymn evokes a serene and peaceful atmosphere, with its gentle melody and heartfelt lyrics. The mandolin arrangement captures the song's essence, offering a delicate and enchanting rendition.

The sheet music for "Silent Night" is arranged for mandolin and piano. The title "Silent Night" is at the top, followed by the instruction "Gently, = c. 120". The lyrics are provided in three stanzas:

1. Si - lent night; Ho - ly night! All is calm; Hail is bright.
2. Si - lent night; ho - ly night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God loves pure light.

The piano part consists of two staves: treble and bass. The lyrics continue below the piano parts:

Round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child He - ly in - fant, so
Gin - ries stream from hea - ven a - far. Hail - evily now sing -
Re - dient beams from Thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re -

ten - der and mild. Sleep in ho - ly peace; Sleep in heavenly peace;
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ the Saviour is born! Christ the Saviour is born
dear the grace, Je - sus Lord, at Thy birth. Je - sus Lord, at Thy birth

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▪ Joy to the World

An uplifting and energetic hymn, "Joy to the World" celebrates the arrival of the Savior. The mandolin arrangement features a lively tempo and intricate fingerpicking patterns, creating a joyous and spirited performance.

Musical score for "Joy to the World" arranged for mandolin. The score consists of five staves of music, each with a corresponding tablature staff below it. The tempo is marked as "Moderately". The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tabs show the fingerings for each note on the mandolin strings (D, G, B, E).

Lyrics:

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare him room.
He comes to make his blessings known.
Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
Let the great world-globe oscillate;
The Redeemer reigns.
Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!
No longer let sin and sorrow reign.
He rules where'er the sun does shine;
The Saviour reigns.

- **The First Noel**

This traditional English carol tells the story of the shepherds witnessing the birth of Jesus. The mandolin arrangement captures the carol's quaint and heartwarming melody, evoking a sense of awe and wonder.

The sheet music for "The First Noel" is arranged for Violin and Piano. The title "The First Noel" is at the top. The Violin part starts with a melodic line, and the Piano part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and chords. The music consists of five staves of musical notation, with measure numbers 1 through 39 indicated. The piano part includes bass and treble clef staves, while the violin part uses a single treble clef staff.

- **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

A majestic and triumphant hymn, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" announces the birth of the Messiah. The mandolin arrangement

showcases the hymn's grand melody and elaborate harmonies, creating a powerful and awe-inspiring performance.

The image shows a page of sheet music for the mandolin arrangement of the hymn "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing". The title "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" is at the top in a bold, serif font. Below it, the tempo "Moderately" and the key signature "A major" are indicated. The music is written on two staves of five-line staff paper. The first staff begins with a treble clef, while the second staff begins with a bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes. In the top right corner, there is small text that reads "Words by John Wesley" and "Music arranged by George Thielke" followed by a copyright notice. A large, diagonal watermark reading "newspaperdeedeebook.com" is repeated across the entire page.

- **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

This beloved Latin hymn invites all to come and worship the newborn King. The mandolin arrangement features a flowing melody and rich harmonies, creating a reverent and uplifting atmosphere.

The image shows three staves of sheet music for 'O Come All Ye Faithful'. The top staff is for the mandolin, indicated by a treble clef and a 'Moderato' tempo marking. The lyrics 'O come all ye faithful' are written below the notes. The middle staff is for the piano, with two staves: the upper staff has a treble clef and the lower staff has a bass clef. The lyrics 'Joy to the world' are written below the notes. The bottom staff is also for the piano. A copyright notice at the bottom of the page reads: '© 2014-2015 Choral Classics & Mandolin Classics LLC'.

O Come All Ye Faithful

Moderato

O come all ye faithful
Joy to the world

O come all ye faithful
Joy to the world

O come all ye faithful
Joy to the world

▪ We Three Kings

This traditional carol describes the journey of the Magi to visit the infant Jesus. The mandolin arrangement presents a playful and lively melody, capturing the spirit of the travelers' quest.

www.ChristmasMusicSongs.com

 *We Three Kings*
in the key of C
Version 3

*Music and Lyrics
Robert Farny Hopkins*



The sheet music consists of four staves of musical notation. The top staff is for the piano, showing a treble clef and a bass clef. The second and third staves are for the mandolin, also in treble clef. The fourth staff is for the piano again. The music is in 3/8 time. The arrangement is for piano and mandolin.

- **Away in a Manger**

This gentle and tender carol depicts the humble birth of Jesus in a manger. The mandolin arrangement features a simple and heartfelt melody, creating a peaceful and comforting atmosphere.

AWAY IN A MANGER

C G F
Away in a manger no crib for a bed

Dm C F
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.

C F
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay
Dm C F G7 C
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing the baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you Lord Jesus; look down from the sky.
And stay by my side until morning is high

Be near me Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there

▪ It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

This reflective and atmospheric hymn describes the angels' message of peace. The mandolin arrangement captures the hymn's serene and contemplative melody, evoking a sense of wonder and tranquility.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Music by Charles Stom Wills
wheelinguitar.com

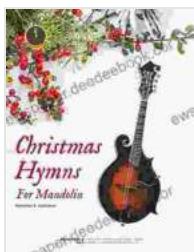
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Performance Tips for Mandolinists

- Pay attention to the dynamics indicated in the notation, as they guide the volume and intensity of the performance.
- Use a light and precise touch when picking the strings, ensuring clear and balanced notes.

- Incorporate vibrato and slides to add expressiveness and emotion to the playing.
- Experiment with different tunings and capo positions to create unique and personalized arrangements.
- Consider joining with other musicians, such as guitarists or vocalists, to create a richer and more festive sound.

This comprehensive guide to Christmas hymns for mandolin notation and tablature provides musicians with a wealth of resources to enhance their holiday repertoire. From serene and heartwarming melodies to majestic and uplifting anthems, these hymns capture the spirit of Christmas in a musical form. Through the joy of playing these beloved songs on the mandolin, musicians can spread festive cheer and create lasting memories during the holiday season.



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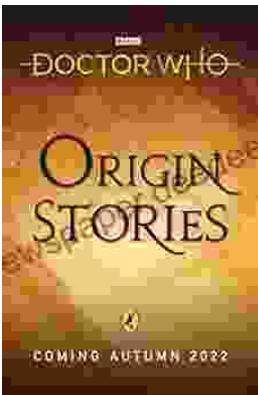
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