# ELEMENTARY LEVELS







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# **MULTIMEDIA KIT**

**Teacher & Student Resources** 





# Christmas Pack Elementary Levels

# **TEACHER Resources**



To view the full **Teaching Tips Video**, click the play button to the left.

To **jump directly** to any piece's video segment, click on its blue timestamp "(0:00)" at the bottom of the page.

#### **Included in the following pages:**

- MP3 backing tracks and teacher duets
- Videos, sound files, maps, text, images—all related to each piece, covering music history, composer information, and more.
- Student Exploration Pages, designed to dig deeper, discover, and create!

Internet access is required for the embedded links (MP3s, videos, etc.)





#### Jump directly to any video!

- · Jolly Old Saint Nicholas (X:XX) (Early Elementary)
- We Three Kings(X:XX) (Early Elementary)
- Angels We Have Heard On High (X:XX) (Elementary)
- Ukrainian Bell Carol (X:XX) (Elementary)
- •Deck the Halls (X:XX) (Elementary/Late Elem.)



Download the mp3s to a computer, import to iTunes®, then sync your device! See page 3 for more info about the mp3 backing tracks and teacher duet recordings.



#### **Adjusting MP3 Tempos (Speed)**

To control the track tempos, import the MP3s to a device (mobile phone or tablet), and use an app that lets you vary the speed while keeping the same pitches. The free app "Amazing Slow Downer Lite" is recommend—available on the iTunes® store and Google Play.

# **STUDENT Resources**





## TRACKS Christmas Pack / Elementary Levels

- 1. Jolly Old Saint ORCH Performance
- 2. Jolly Old Saint ORCH Practice
- 3. Jolly Old Saint DUET Practice
- 4. We Three Kings ORCH Performance
- 5. We Three Kings ORCH Practice
- 6. We Three Kings DUET Practice
- 7. Angels We Have ORCH Performance
- 8. Angels We Have ORCH Practice
- 9. Angels We Have DUET Practice

- 10. Ukrainian Bell Carol ORCH Performance
- 11. Ukrainian Bell Carol ORCH Practice
- 12. Ukrainian Bell Carol DUET Practice
- 13. Deck the Halls ORCH Performance
- 14. Deck the Halls ORCH Practice
- 15. Deck the Halls DUET Practice

#### **JOLLY OLD SAINT NICHOLAS**



Santa Claus is known by several names: Saint Nicholas, Father Christmas, Saint Nick, and Kris Kringle. **Sinterklaas** is from the Netherlands...does he look familiar?

**Sinterklaas** 

In North America, Santa is said to live at the North Pole, where Canada's mail service delivers children's letters to postal code **HOH OHO** (like "ho ho ho!")

India holds the world record for the largest group of people dressed as Santa Claus. In 2014, over 18,000 Santas gathered to celebrate!

Click to see more Santa world records!



#### **TRACKING SANTA**

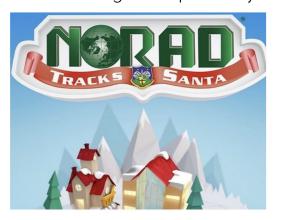
#### **Google Santa Tracker**

Click below! Tracking begins in December.



#### **NORAD Tracks Santa**

Watch tracking from a previous year:



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#### **ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH**

Click below to hear "Angels We Have Heard On High (Christmas with 32 Fingers and 8 Thumbs)" by The Piano Guys!





This is a 360-degree video; click/tap and DRAG the screen for a walk down the bridge!

Take a virtual tour of the **Bridge of Angels** at **Sant'Angelo Castle** in Rome, Italy. There are 10 angels on the bridge, and **Michael the Archangel** stands on top of the castle.



Famous sculptor **Gian Lorenzo Bernini** designed the Bridge of Angels. **CLICK HERE** to discover more of his amazing sculptures!



Angel with the Superscription.

Zoom in! Look at the feathers and robes... made from marble! Bernini had mad skills.



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# About the Student EXPLORATION PAGES



The **Student Exploration Pages** are designed for students to dig deeper into their assigned piece, discover, and create!

With younger students, I recommend that teachers go through the activities with the student **during the lesson**.

The activities on these pages are designed to familiarize the student with various musical concepts, rhythmic figures, and/or patterns highlighted in each piece. To get the most out of the activities, I recommend having the student do them **before** learning the piece.

## **Activities INCLUDE:**



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# **JOLLY OLD SAINT NICHOLAS**

## **Student EXPLORATION Page**



DISCOVER

- 1. Measure 1 has **repeated notes** (E-E-E-E). On the first page of the piece, put a checkmark (✓) over measures with repeated notes.
- 2 Measures 7 and 8 have **steps** (D-C-D-E-D). Play measures 7–8.

#### CREATE

Compose a piece based on musical ideas from "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas."



Choose notes from the C major 5-finger pattern: C D E F G
 Write the letter names of each note you choose.

Teacher: you may help the student choose notes and/or write note names for the student.

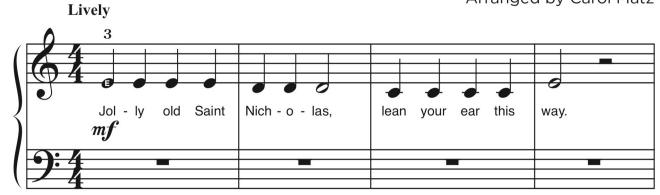
Finish the title and play your new piece!

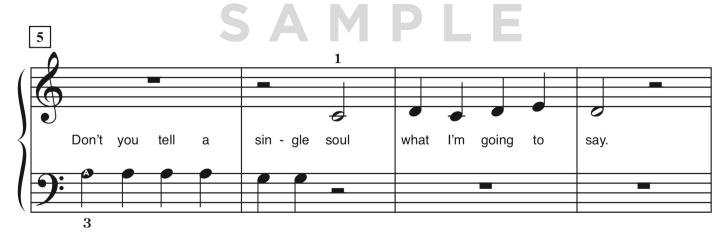
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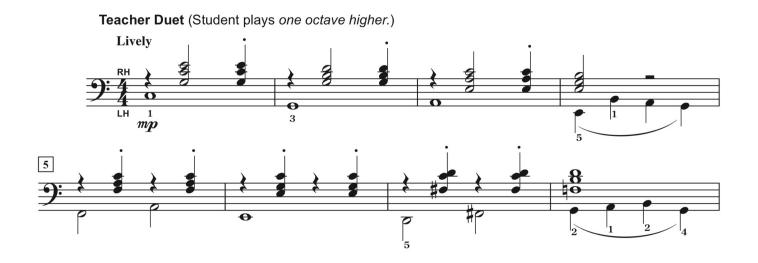


# **Jolly Old Saint Nicholas**

Traditional Arranged by Carol Matz











DISCOVER

Put a checkmark ( ✓ ) over each measure in the piece that has this rhythm in the RH:



& 3 J J

Win a (pretend) prize for each RH measure you find!

Find 2-3 measures:



Find 4+ measures:



BONUS: find 1 measure in the LH with this rhythm and win a ride on Santa's sleigh!



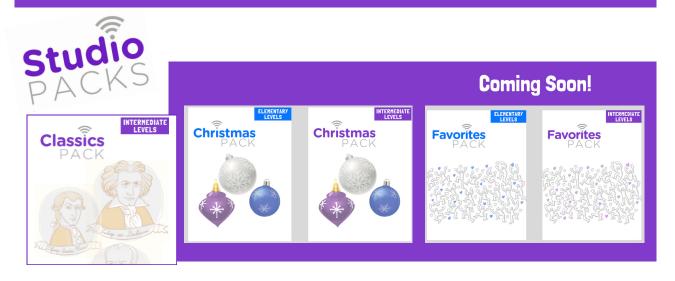
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#### LISTEN



- Listen as your teacher plays part of "We Three Kings."
  Does this music sound happy or sad?
  (Teacher: play student part measures 1–8.)
- Listen as your teacher plays again.
  Does the music sound happy or sad this time?
  (Teacher: play the same music, but with all C's as C-sharps.)
- Listen closely to hear the difference!
  (Teacher: switch between major and minor with happy/sad verbal cues.)

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