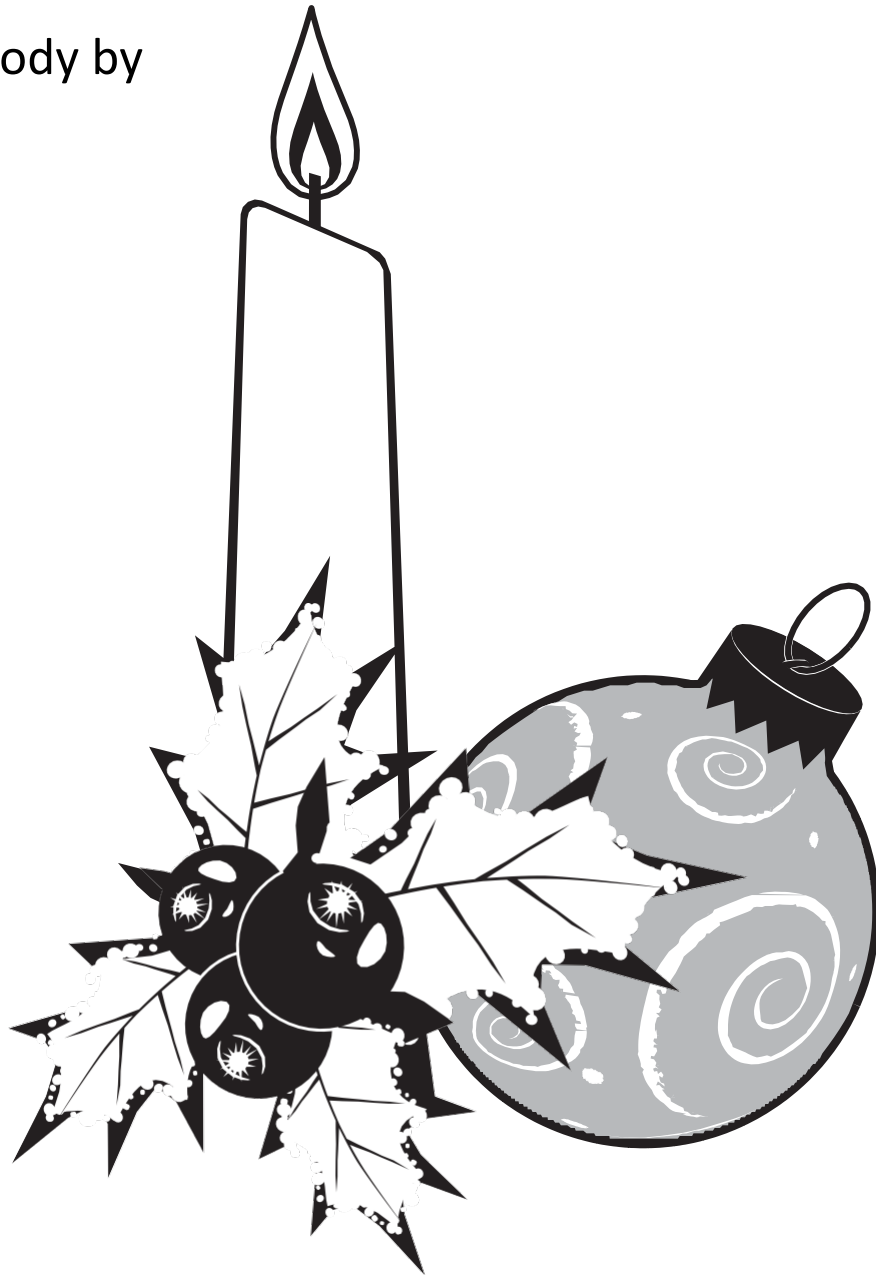


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We Wish You A Merry Christmas

With a new melody by
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The origins of the lyrics for “We Wish You A Merry Christmas” are unclear, possibly dating back to the 16th century. The version familiar today comes from the “jocular” or fun British tradition of groups of friends going around the neighborhood singing carols and asking for, and expecting, a treat possibly “figgy pudding”, as reward for their singing.

Arnold Harris has written a new and vigorous melody emphasizing the words “we wish”, as they echo through the choral sections. The refrain is in cut time and the verses in 5/4 time, adding interest and more fun for the singers, and an aural treat for the audience.

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Traditional lyrics

Music by Arnold Harris ©2023

Chorus *Brightly* $\text{♩} = 90$
mf

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

We wish you we wish we wish we

5

SA

TB

wish you a merry Christmas a

10

SA

TB

mer ry Christ - mas we wish, we wish

14

SA

TB

you a mer - ry, Christ - mas, a

you a mer - ry a mer - ry, a

18 *mp*

SA mer - ry and a hap - py hap - py

TB mer ry, mer - ry Christ-mas and a hap - py hap - py

23 *mf*

SA hap - py new year! Good ti - dings we bring to

TB hap - py new year Good ti - dings

27 *poco rit.* *p*

SA you to you and your kin, your kin.

TB to you to you and your kin, your kin.

Verses count 12312

33 *mf* ♩ = 170

SA 1. Oh bring us Oh bring us
2. We won't go We won't go

TB

37 *f*

SA
 1. Oh bring us Oh we bring us bring some fig gy pud - ding
 2. We won't go, we won't go un - til un - til we get,

TB
f
 1. Bring us some fig - gy pud - ding,
 2. We won't go un - til we get,

41 count 12123

SA
 1. fig - gy pud - ding Oh — bring us fig - gy
 2. un - til we get un - til we get fig - gy

TB
 1. fig - gy pud - ding Oh — bring us pud - ding,
 2. un - til we get un - til we get pud - ding,

45 count 12312 *mp* count 12123 *mf* count 12312

SA
 1. bring us some fig - gy pud - ding right here, fig - gy pud - ding
 2. un - til we get fig - gy pud - ding right here, fig - gy pud - ding

TB
mp *mf*
 1. bring us some fig - gy pud - ding right here, fig - gy pud - ding
 2. un - til we get fig - gy pud - ding right here, fig - gy pud - ding

49 count 12123 *poco rit.* count 12123 *poco rit.*

SA
 1. right here
 2. right here, right here, right here here

TB
 1. right here
 2. right here, right here, right here here.