

# 3a. Christmas comes

(Lasst uns froh und munter sein)

From the Hunsruek

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with an instrumental introduction in the piano part. The vocal line starts with the lyrics: "Christ - mas comes but once a year / Sweet the smell of a Christ - mas tree / Friends and neigh - bors ga - ther 'round". The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line and a treble line with chords and melodic fragments. The lyrics continue: "'Tis the sea - son of good cheer / Can - dles are a joy to see / Voic - es raised in joy - ful sound".

Introduction

Christ - mas comes but once a year  
Sweet the smell of a Christ - mas tree  
Friends and neigh - bors ga - ther 'round

'Tis the sea - son of good cheer  
Can - dles are a joy to see  
Voic - es raised in joy - ful sound

Chil - dren sing - ing sing - a - ling - a - ling  
 Bells are ring - ing ding - a - ling - a - ling  
 Pipes are play - ing toot - a - loo - ta - loo

For the birth - day of our King For the birth - day  
 Doves and star - lings on the wing Doves and star - lings  
 San - ta Clause will come to you San - ta Clause will

of our King  
 on the wing  
 come to you

Interlude & Coda