

Solo Violin

More Festive Strings

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INTRODUCTION

The holiday season is a time of festive gatherings, and the music of this time of year is especially well-loved. There are many opportunities to play with multi-generation family groups, as well as mixed-level studio and school ensembles. *More Festive Strings*, like its companion volume *Festive Strings*, is a collection of well-known Christmas and Chanukah melodies in arrangements that have evolved to meet the needs of the individuals, groups, and orchestras I have taught. In order to provide maximum flexibility, the arrangements are available in a number of instrumentations:

More Festive Strings for String Quartet or String Orchestra

Appropriate for: Suzuki students in Book 4 and beyond
Middle school or high school orchestras

More Festive Strings for Violin Ensemble

More Festive Strings for Viola Ensemble

More Festive Strings for Cello Ensemble

For 2, 3, or 4 violin, viola, cello players in any combination of these instruments

Appropriate for: Suzuki students in Book 4 and beyond
Middle school or high school orchestras

More Festive Strings for Solo Violin

More Festive Strings for Solo Viola

More Festive Strings for Solo Cello

For use with: *More Festive Strings for String Quartet or String Orchestra*
More Festive Strings for Violin, Viola, or Cello Ensemble
More Festive Strings Piano Accompaniments

Appropriate for players with 1–4 years of experience

More Festive Strings Piano Accompaniments

For use with: *More Festive Strings for String Quartet or String Orchestra*
More Festive Strings for Violin, Viola, or Cello Ensemble
More Festive Strings for Solo Violin, Viola, or Cello

Appropriate for intermediate level pianists

Christmas and Chanukah tunes are popular with students at all levels, and even the youngest beginners enjoy taking part. With this in mind, I have chosen the most accessible keys, which usually are the most resonant keys for string players. Occasional compromises were necessary because of the differences between the violin, viola, and cello.

Introductions are optional and may be used at the discretion of the director or performers.

Shifting is kept to a minimum and finger numbers are normally used only to indicate the first note of a new position. Occasionally, notes that remain in position are marked in parentheses.

These Solo Violin, Viola, and Cello parts duplicate the top part of *More Festive Strings for Violin, Viola, or Cello Ensemble*. They are intended for students in their first few years of playing, and may be learned by ear or by reading. Beginning readers should find the single line of music and the slightly larger type easier to read than the score form used in the ensemble arrangements.

The solo parts also duplicate the melody, which is passed from voice to voice, in *More Festive Strings for String Quartet or String Orchestra* so that an individual or group of players can have orchestral accompaniment.

“Silent Night” appears in both G Major and D Major. Violinists may prefer the D Major version, while violists and cellists may choose the G Major version. Mixed ensembles can choose the key that best suits the abilities of the players.

During the preparation of this collection, many colleagues, friends, and students have played the arrangements, and their advice and detailed suggestions have been invaluable. In particular I would like to thank Alex Adaman, Joanne and Charles Bath, Carey Cheney, Sally Gross, Eric Hansen, Carolyn Meyer, Rick Mooney, Karla Phillipp, Robert Richardson, Patricia Shand, Carol Tarr, and Ruth Wiwchar. I am indebted to Fiona Shand for her careful work, perceptive proofreading, and cheerful sense of humor, and to my husband Peter for his unfailing encouragement and patience; both helped enormously in the completion of this volume. *More Festive Strings* is dedicated to my parents, in gratitude for the love and music that enriched my childhood.

I hope that you enjoy *More Festive Strings* and that these arrangements contribute to your enjoyment of the holiday season.

Joanne Martin

TEACHERS' NOTES

O Chanukah All solo parts are in first position

Angels We Have Heard on High Solo Violin and Solo Viola are in first position
Solo Cello shifts to E (second position)

We Three Kings All solo parts are in first position

In *More Festive Strings for Violin, Viola, or Cello Ensemble; More Festive Strings for Solo Violin, Viola, or Cello; and the Piano Accompaniments*, "We Three Kings" has one verse with a repeat.

In *More Festive Strings for String Quartet or String Orchestra*, "We Three Kings" has two verses.

Silent Night in D Major Solo Violin is in first position
Solo Viola shifts to G (third position)
Solo Cello shifts to G (fourth position)

We Wish You a Merry Christmas All solo parts are in first position

O Come All Ye Faithful All solo parts are in first position

Dreydl All solo parts are in first position

Dreydl is the Yiddish word for a wooden top that is used in a traditional Chanukah game.

Silent Night in G Major All solo parts are in first position

Good King Wenceslas Solo Violin and Solo Viola are in first position
Solo Cello shifts to E (second position)

What Child Is This (Greensleeves) Solo Violin and Solo Viola use half position
Solo Cello uses second position on the G string

O CHANUKAH

Solo Violin

Traditional
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Moderato, non legato $\text{♩} = 66$

The musical score is written for a solo violin in 2/2 time, featuring a key signature of one flat (Bb). The tempo is marked 'Moderato, non legato' with a quarter note equal to 66 beats per minute. The score consists of seven staves of music, each beginning with a measure number (4, 7, 10, 13, 17, 20) and a dynamic marking. The dynamics include *p*, *mp*, *pp*, *mf*, and *cresc.*. The notation includes various note values, rests, slurs, and accents. The piece concludes with a fermata over the final note.

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Solo Violin

Traditional
Arranged by JOANNE MARTIN

Joyful and lively $\text{♩} = 80$

mp

cresc. *mf*

p

mp

p

mf

p *cresc.*