

# CHRISTMAS HITS

Movies  
Recordings  
Standards

Selected and Edited by E. L. Lancaster & Morton Manus

This book may be used by students in Level 1 of either *Alfred's Basic Adult Piano Course* or *Alfred's Basic Adult All-in-One Course*.

The enduring charm of the Christmas season brings out the need for composers to express their feelings in newly-created Christmas music each year. Many of these 20th-century songs are as well-known and loved as the traditional carols.

For this *Christmas Hits* series (Levels 1 and 2) we have selected only those new musical favorites that have become a permanent part of the Christmas season, and arranged them for adult piano students. When combined with the traditional carols available in the supplementary Christmas books of *Alfred's Basic Adult Piano Course* and *Alfred's Basic Adult All-in-One Course*, adult piano students have at their fingertips all the music they would want to perform during the holiday season.

When Christmas music can teach and reinforce the musical concepts students are studying, it is doubly beneficial. There is no need to play music above or below the appropriate grade level, or to take a break from proper piano study.

With this in mind, this book has been written to fit with the music fundamentals as they are introduced in Level 1 of both *Alfred's Basic Adult Piano Courses*. Since the melodies and rhythms of popular music do not always lend themselves to precise grading, you may find that these pieces are sometimes a little more difficult than the corresponding pages in the Lesson Book. The teacher's judgment is the most important factor in deciding when to begin each title. Although the songs are placed in approximate order of difficulty, they may be played in any order.

The arrangers and editors wish both student and teacher a very merry Christmas and hope you will enjoy the new and special arrangements of Christmas music found in this book.

<b>Christmas Song, The</b> (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire) (Arr. by George Peter Tingley) . . . . .	6	<b>Merry Christmas, Darling</b> (Arr. by Sharon Aaronson) . . . . .	26
<b>Frosty the Snow Man</b> (Arr. by Tom Gerou) . . . . .	16	<b>Mister Santa</b> (Arr. by George Peter Tingley) . . . . .	20
<b>Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer</b> (Arr. by Tom Gerou) . . . . .	10	<b>Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer</b> (Arr. by Dennis Alexander) . . . . .	18
<b>Holly Jolly Christmas, A</b> (Arr. by Martha Mier) . . . . .	8	<b>Silver Bells</b> (Arr. by Sharon Aaronson) <i>from the Paramount Picture THE LEMON DROP KID</i> . . . . .	4
<b>(There's No Place Like) Home for the Holidays</b> (Arr. by Sharon Aaronson) . . . . .	13	<b>We Need a Little Christmas</b> <i>from MAME</i> (Arr. by Dennis Alexander) . . . . .	28
<b>I'll Be Home for Christmas</b> (Arr. by Martha Mier) . . . . .	2	<b>What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?</b> (Arr. by Catherine Rollin) . . . . .	30
<b>Jingle-Bell Rock</b> (Arr. by George Peter Tingley) . . . . .	22		
<b>Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!</b> (Arr. by Martha Mier) . . . . .	24		

# I'll Be Home for Christmas

Words and Music by  
Kim Gannon and Walter Kent  
Arr. by Martha Mier

Moderately slow

4

*mf* Be Home for Christ - mas,

3 2

5

You can plan on me.

5

9

Please have snow and mis - tle - toe And

4 2 1

13

pres - ents on the tree.

2 4 2

# Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Music and Lyrics by Johnny Marks  
 Arr. by Dennis Alexander

**Allegro**

*mp*

5

*mf* Ru - dolph the Red - Nosed Rein - deer had a ver - y shin - y him  
 All of the oth - er rein - deer used to laugh and call him

8

nose, names, and if you ev - er poor saw it, Ru - dolph

11

1. you would e-ven say it glows. 2. join in an - y rein - deer games.

# We Need a Little Christmas

from MAME

Music and Lyric by Jerry Herman  
 Arr. by Dennis Alexander

Brightly