Alfred's Basic Piano Library

Christmas Book + Complete Level 1

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This book may be used by students in Complete Level 1 of Alfred's Basic Piano Library or in the first or second book of any method.

The enduring charm of the Christmas season brings out the need for composers to express their feelings in newly-created Christmas music each year. Over the past century, many of these songs have become as well-known and loved as the traditional carols.

For this *Top Hits Christmas* series we have selected only those new musical favorites that have become a permanent part of the Christmas season, and arranged them for young piano students. When combined with the traditional carols available in Alfred's *Merry Christmas!* Series (Complete Level 1 and Complete Levels 2 & 3), piano students have at their fingertips all the music they would want to perform during the holiday season.

HAND POSITIONS: The Christmas songs in this book are limited to Middle C and Middle D Positions (with accidentals). If either hand moves, the new position is indicated above or below the measure where the change takes place.

PROGRESSIVE ORDER: Although the songs are placed in approximate order of difficulty, they may be played in any order. Students will usually play the rhythms correctly from memory, or if not, they can be guickly taught by rote.

DUETS: Every Christmas song in this book has a duet part. These songs make excellent student-teacher or student-parent duets. Both solo and duet parts contain measure numbers for easy reference.

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

Christmas Song, The (Arr. by Dennis Alexander) (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire) Middle C Position
Do You Hear What I Hear (Arr. by Tom Gerou) <i>Middle C Position</i>
Frosty the Snow Man (Arr. by Sharon Aaronson) Middle C Position
Happy Holiday (Arr. by George Peter Tingley) from the Motion Picture Irving Berlin's HOLIDAY INN Middle C Position
Holly Jolly Christmas, A (Arr. by Martha Mier) Middle C and Middle D Positions
(There's No Place Like) Home for the Holidays (Arr. by Margaret Goldston) <i>Middle C Position</i> 8
I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus (Arr. by Martha Mier) <i>Middle C & Middle D Positions</i> . 28
I'll Be Home for Christmas (Arr. by Catherine Rollin) <i>Middle C Position</i> 12

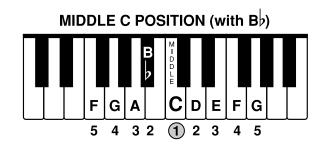
Jingle-Bell Rock (Arr. by George Peter Tingley) Middle D Position
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow! (Arr. by Tom Gerou) Middle C Position
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (Arr. by Martha Mier) <i>Middle C Position</i>
Shake Me I Rattle (Squeeze Me I Cry) (Arr. by Sharon Aaronson) <i>Middle D Position</i> 30
Silver Bells (Arr. by Sharon Aaronson) from the Paramount Picture THE LEMON DROP KID Middle D Position
Suzy Snowflake (Arr. by George Peter Tingley) RH Middle D Position; LH Middle C Position 20
We Need a Little Christmas from MAME (Arr. by Christine H. Barden) Middle C Position 14

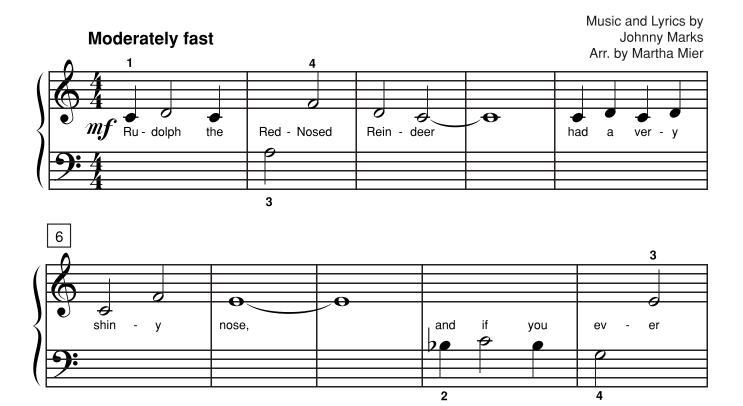


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Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer





DUET PART (Student plays one octave higher than written.)



Do You Hear What I Hear

