

Violoncello

Christmas Carols for Strings

The First Noel

Original key: Concert D major

Trad., from Sandys's *Christmas Carols* (1833), arr. Mark Feezell

♩ = 96

The first system of musical notation for the cello part. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (D major), and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 96. The music starts with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, and then a series of eighth notes: B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F30, G30, 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Violoncello

Christmas Carols for Strings

O Come, All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fideles)

Original key: Concert A major

$\text{♩} = 116$

John Francis Wade (1711-1786), arr. Mark Feezell

The first staff of music is in bass clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a dynamic marking of *f*. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, starting on G2 and moving generally upwards.

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The second staff continues the melody from measure 7. It features a half note followed by quarter notes, with a dynamic marking of *f* at the beginning.

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The third staff begins with a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3' above them. This is followed by a series of eighth notes with accents (>) above them, and a final quarter note. The dynamic marking *f* is present at the start of this section.

Violoncello

Christmas Carols for Strings

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Original key: Concert B \flat major

$\text{♩} = 72$

Richard S. Willis (1819-1900), arr. Mark Feezell



Violoncello

Christmas Carols for Strings

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Original key: Concert C major

♩ = 112

Henry Smart (1813-1879), arr. Mark Feezell



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Violoncello

Christmas Carols for Strings

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Original key: Concert G major

Feliz Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

Harm. by William H. Cummings (1831-1915), arr. Mark Feezell

♩ = 104

The musical score is written for Violoncello in G major, 4/4 time, with a tempo of 104 beats per minute. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The second staff starts at measure 8 and includes a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic marking. The third staff starts at measure 14 and features accents (>) over several notes. The fourth staff starts at measure 18 and concludes the piece with a final double bar line.

Violoncello

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Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

Original key: Concert G major

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621), arr. Mark Feezell

♩ = 100

Measures 1-6 of the cello part. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The first six measures feature a melodic line with eighth-note pairs and quarter notes, often beamed together.

Measures 7-11 of the cello part. The melodic line continues with eighth-note pairs and quarter notes. Measure 10 contains a whole rest.

Measures 12-16 of the cello part. The music concludes with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic in measure 12, followed by a crescendo leading to a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic in measure 16. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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I Heard the Bells

Original key: Concert E \flat major

J. Baptiste Calkin (1827-1905), arr. Mark Feezell

$\text{♩} = 112$



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Silent Night (Stille Nacht)

Original key: Concert C major

Franz Grüber (1787-1863), arr. Mark Feezell

♩ = 76

The first system of the cello part consists of 10 measures. It begins with a bass clef and a 3/4 time signature. The first measure contains two eighth notes, G2 and F2, beamed together. The second measure is a dotted quarter note G2. The third measure contains two eighth notes, E2 and D2, beamed together. The fourth measure is a dotted quarter note C2. The fifth measure contains two eighth notes, B1 and A1, beamed together. The sixth measure is a dotted quarter note G1. The seventh measure contains two eighth notes, F1 and E1, beamed together. The eighth measure is a dotted quarter note D1. The ninth measure contains two eighth notes, C1 and B0, beamed together. The tenth measure is a dotted quarter note A0. Dynamics include *pp* at the beginning and *p* at the end.

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The second system of the cello part consists of 7 measures. The first measure contains two eighth notes, G1 and F1, beamed together. The second measure is a dotted quarter note E1. The third measure contains two eighth notes, D1 and C1, beamed together. The fourth measure is a dotted quarter note B0. The fifth measure contains two eighth notes, A0 and G0, beamed together. The sixth measure is a dotted quarter note F0. The seventh measure contains two eighth notes, E0 and D0, beamed together. Dynamics include *mp* at the end.

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The third system of the cello part consists of 7 measures. The first measure contains two eighth notes, C1 and B0, beamed together. The second measure is a dotted quarter note A0. The third measure contains two eighth notes, G0 and F0, beamed together. The fourth measure is a dotted quarter note E0. The fifth measure contains two eighth notes, D0 and C0, beamed together. The sixth measure is a dotted quarter note B0. The seventh measure contains two eighth notes, A0 and G0, beamed together. Dynamics include *pp* at the end.

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We Three Kings

Original key: Concert G major

John H. Hopkins (1820-1891), arr. Mark Feezell

♩ = 150

Measures 1-10 of the cello part. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It begins with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The notes are: G2, B1, D2, E2, G2, B1, D2, E2, G2, B1, D2, E2, G2, B1, D2, E2, G2, B1, D2, E2.

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Measures 11-19 of the cello part. Measure 11 starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The notes are: G2, B1, D2, E2, G2, B1, D2, E2, G2, B1, D2, E2, G2, B1, D2, E2, G2, B1, D2, E2.

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Measures 20-26 of the cello part. The notes are: G2, B1, D2, E2, G2, B1, D2, E2, G2, B1, D2, E2, G2, B1, D2, E2, G2, B1, D2, E2.

27

Measures 27-34 of the cello part. The notes are: G2, B1, D2, E2, G2, B1, D2, E2, G2, B1, D2, E2, G2, B1, D2, E2, G2, B1, D2, E2.

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O Little Town of Bethlehem

Original key: Concert G major

♩ = 112

Lewis Henry Redner (1831-1908), arr. Mark Feezell

Measures 1-7 of the cello part. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The notes are: G2 (quarter), G2 (half), A2 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2-G2 (beamed eighth notes), F#2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), D2 (quarter), C2 (quarter), B1 (quarter), A1 (quarter), G1 (quarter).

Measures 8-11 of the cello part. Measure 8 starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The notes are: G1 (quarter), A1 (quarter), B1 (quarter), C2 (quarter), D2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), F#2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), B2 (quarter), C3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), G3 (quarter). There are accents (>) over the notes in measures 9, 10, and 11.

Measures 12-15 of the cello part. Measure 12 starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The notes are: G2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), B2 (quarter), C3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), B3 (quarter), C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). There are accents (>) over the notes in measures 12, 13, 14, and 15.