

Jolly Old Saint Nicholas

Sing along
Barbershop harmony, mixed voices

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Intro **Energico** ♩ = 144

Tenor Lead

Bari Bass

1 2 3 4

Sing a - long with us right now, you all know the tune!

5 6 7 8

Pick a part and sing with heart, and we all will croon!

Verse 1

9 $\text{D}^{\flat}$ 10 $\text{A}^{\flat}7$ 11 $\text{G}^{\flat}7$ 12 $\text{D}^{\flat}$

Jol - ly old Saint Nich - o - las, lean your ear this way!

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Performance notes: Invite the audience to sing along.
Provide the words on screen or in the program.

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13 Ebm7 14 Db7 Db 15 Ab7/Eb Db6/F Ebm Db7 16 Ab

Don't you tell a sin - gle soul what I'm going to say.

17 Db7 18 Ab7 19 Gb7 20 Db7

Christ - mas Eve is com - ing soon, now you dear old man,

21 Ebm7 22 Db7 Db 23 Ab7 Db6/F Ab7 Bbm7 24 Db

whis - per what you'll bring to me, tell me if you can.

Verse 2

25 26 27 28

When the clock is strik - ing twelve, when I'm fast a - sleep,

29 30 31 32

down the chim - ney broad and black, with your pack you'll creep.

This system contains measures 29 through 32. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). Measure 29 starts with a quarter note G4. Measure 30 has a half note G4. Measure 31 has a quarter note G4 and a quarter note F4. Measure 32 has a half note G4. The lyrics are: 'down the chim - ney broad and black, with your pack you'll creep.'

33 34 35 36

All the stock - ings you will find hang - ing in a row,

This system contains measures 33 through 36. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). Measure 33 starts with a quarter note G4. Measure 34 has a half note G4. Measure 35 has a quarter note G4 and a quarter note F4. Measure 36 has a half note G4. The lyrics are: 'All the stock - ings you will find hang - ing in a row,'

37 38 39 40

mine will be the short - est one, you'll be sure to know.

This system contains measures 37 through 40. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). Measure 37 starts with a quarter note G4. Measure 38 has a half note G4. Measure 39 has a quarter note G4 and a quarter note F4. Measure 40 has a half note G4. The lyrics are: 'mine will be the short - est one, you'll be sure to know.'

Verse 3

41 42 43 44

Jon - ny wants a pair of skates, Su - sy wants a dol - ly,

This system contains measures 41 through 44. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). Measure 41 starts with a quarter note G4. Measure 42 has a half note G4. Measure 43 has a quarter note G4 and a quarter note F4. Measure 44 has a half note G4. The lyrics are: 'Jon - ny wants a pair of skates, Su - sy wants a dol - ly,'

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45 46 47 48

Nel - ly wants a sto - ry book, she thinks dolls are fol - ly.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 45 through 48. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat). Measure 45 starts with a half note G4. Measure 46 has a half note A4. Measure 47 has a half note B4. Measure 48 has a half note C5. The lyrics are: 'Nel - ly wants a sto - ry book, she thinks dolls are fol - ly.'

49 50 51 52

As for me my lit - tle brain, is - n't ve - ry bright,

Detailed description: This system contains measures 49 through 52. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has four flats. Measure 49 starts with a half note D5. Measure 50 has a half note E5. Measure 51 has a half note F5. Measure 52 has a half note G5. The lyrics are: 'As for me my lit - tle brain, is - n't ve - ry bright,'.

53 54 55 56

choose for me Old San - ta Claus, what you think is right.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 53 through 56. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has four flats. Measure 53 starts with a half note A4. Measure 54 has a half note B4. Measure 55 has a half note C5. Measure 56 has a half note D5. The lyrics are: 'choose for me Old San - ta Claus, what you think is right.'

Tag $\text{♩} = 120$

57 $\text{Db}7$ 58 Gb 59 $\text{Eb}7$ 60 $\text{Ab}7$ Db

what you think is right!

Detailed description: This system contains the 'Tag' section, measures 57 through 60. The tempo is marked as 120 beats per minute. The key signature has four flats. Measure 57 starts with a half note G4. Measure 58 has a half note A4. Measure 59 has a half note B4. Measure 60 has a half note C5. The lyrics are: 'what you think is right!'. The system ends with a double bar line.