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We Wish You a Merry Christmas · Practice Pack

This song is 4 lines. Learn them one at a time and you have it all.

Practice on screen

Five steps for every line

Hear
Scan the code above. Hum along.

Find
Right hand, no timer. Find each key.

Groove
Right hand with the click. Slow first.

Left hand
On its own. Too much? Page 2 has an easy way.

Together
Both hands, slow. Speed comes last.

A circle is one good go. Fill in three in a row with no stops, and that step is done.

Your song map

Line	Starts with	Bars	Yours	Next time, faster
1	We wish you a merry…	1 to 4	○	○ 60 ○ 80 ○ Real
2	wish you a merry Christmas…	5 to 8	○	○ 60 ○ 80 ○ Real
3	tidings we bring to you…	9 to 12	○	○ 60 ○ 80 ○ Real
4	tidings for Christmas and a…	13 to 16	○	○ 60 ○ 80 ○ Real

Warm up: five fingers on C

Left hand



Right hand

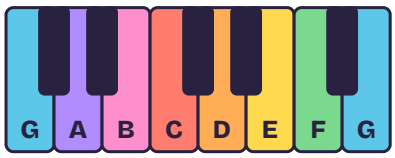


Up and down, slowly, each hand, then both. This is the home of the song (C).

A good 10 minutes

2 min Warm up
5 min Today's line, all five steps
2 min An old line, from memory
1 min Everything so far, no stops

Keys you need



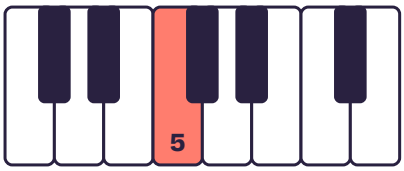
The right hand lives on these keys for this whole song, and the colours match the notes on every page.

Your left hand

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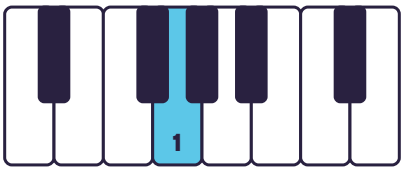
The cards ahead show the left hand as it is written. Too much at first? Play just one note for each chord: it still sounds like the song.

C



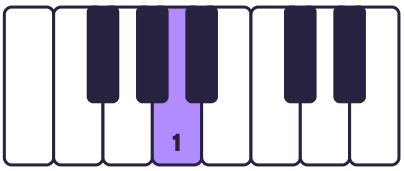
Play C with finger 5

G



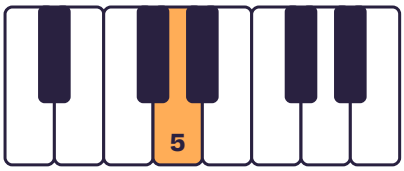
Play G with finger 1

Am



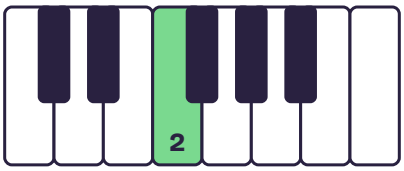
Play A with finger 1

Dm



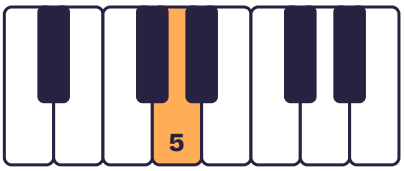
Play D with finger 5

F



Play F with finger 2

D7



Play D with finger 5

These are the 6 that come round most. The song has 7 in all, and the rest work the same way.

Try it on its own

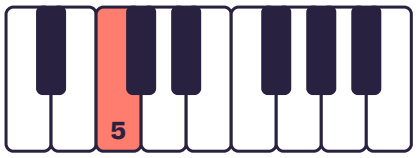
The easy left hand for line 1: one note for each chord. Say the letters as you go.

1	2	3	4
C	F	D7	G
C	F	D	G
finger 5	finger 2	finger 5	finger 1

Getting bored? Three ways to make it fancier

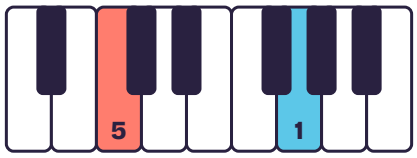
1. One note

What you just played



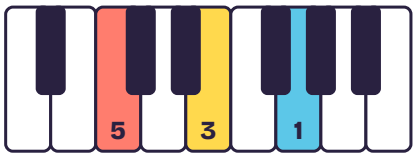
2. Two notes

Add the note five keys up



3. Beat chords

Tap the chord on each beat





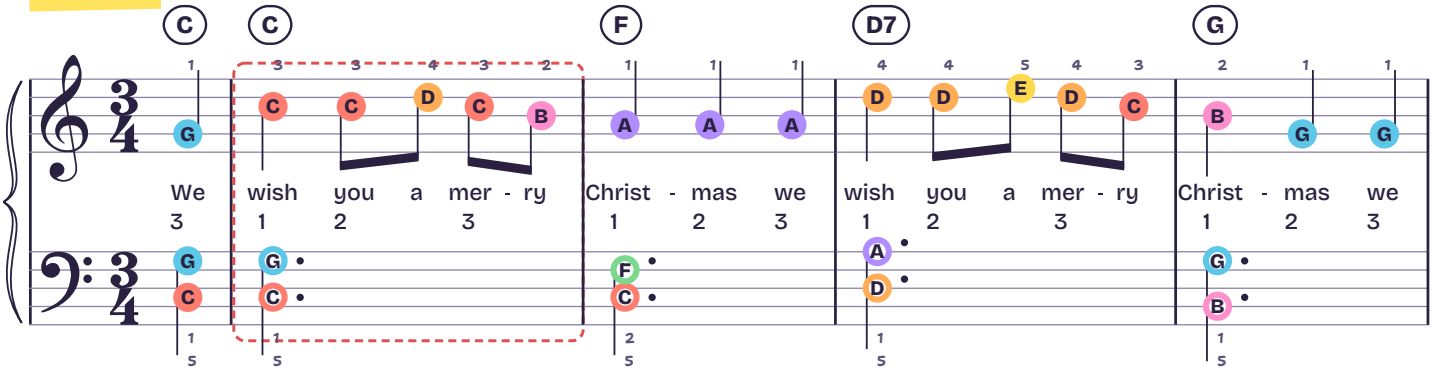
Start on C. It comes round the most, so it is the one that pays off first.

Line by line

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Line 1

Start: Right hand finger 1 on G, left hand finger 5 on C.

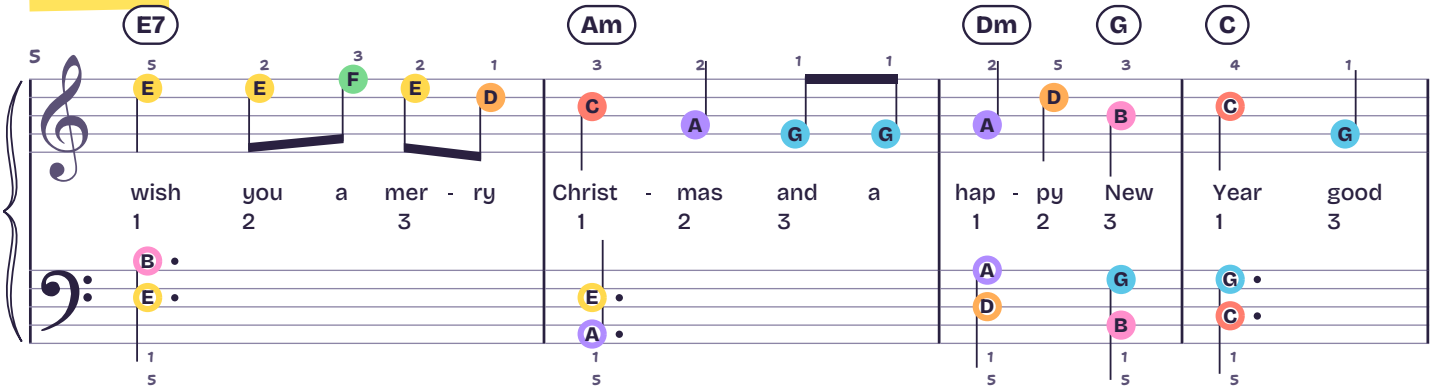


Boss bar 1. Clap it with the counts. Each hand, then both, slowly. Then play on into the next bar. ○○○

Hear ○ **Find** ○ **Groove** ○○○ **Left hand** ○○○ **Together** ○○○
Speed 60% ○ **80%** ○ **Real** ○ **Then lines 1 + 2 with no stop** ○○○

Line 2

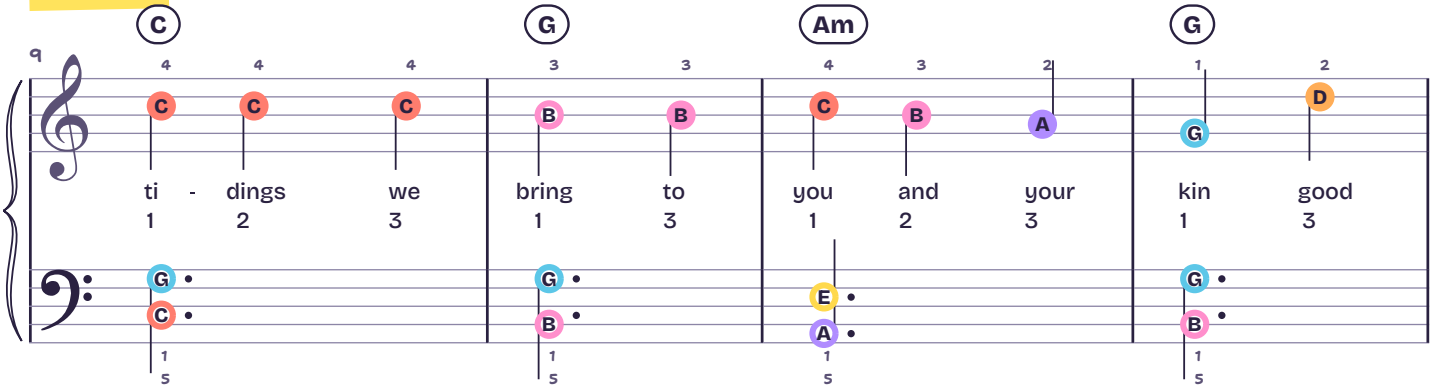
Start: Right hand finger 5 on E, left hand finger 5 on E.



Hear ○ **Find** ○ **Groove** ○○○ **Left hand** ○○○ **Together** ○○○
Speed 60% ○ **80%** ○ **Real** ○ **Then lines 2 + 3 with no stop** ○○○

Line 3

Start: Right hand finger 4 on C, left hand finger 5 on C.



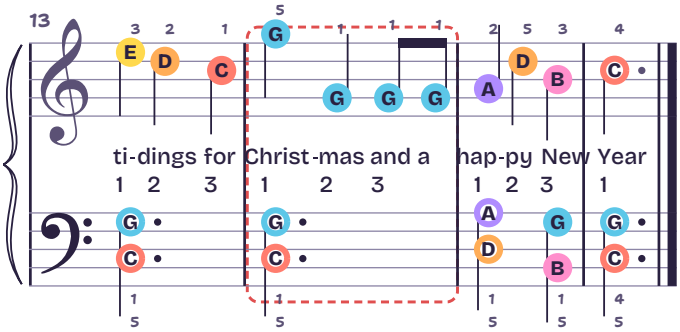
Hear ○ **Find** ○ **Groove** ○○○ **Left hand** ○○○ **Together** ○○○
Speed 60% ○ **80%** ○ **Real** ○ **Then lines 3 + 4 with no stop** ○○○

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Line 4

Start: Right hand finger 3 on E, left hand finger 5 on C.

C C Dm G C



Boss bar 14. Clap it with the counts. Each hand, then both, slowly. Then play on into the next bar. ○○○

Hear ○ **Find** ○ **Groove** ○○○ **Left hand** ○○○ **Together** ○○○
Speed 60% ○ **80%** ○ **Real** ○

12 sticker days

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Ten minutes a day, worked out from this song. Each day is one sticker. Missed one? Carry on from where you stopped: this is a path, not a calendar.

Day 1 **Line 1** Hear, Find, Groove	Day 2 **Line 1** Left hand, Together.	Day 3 **Line 2** Hear, Find, Groove	Day 4 **Line 2** Left hand, Together. Then 1 + 2.
Day 5 **Line 3** Hear, Find, Groove	Day 6 **Line 3** Left hand, Together. Then 2 + 3.	Day 7 **No new line** Lines 1 to 3 with no stops, 60%	Day 8 **Line 4** Hear, Find, Groove
Day 9 **Line 4** Left hand, Together. Then 3 + 4.	Day 10 **Whole song** 60%, from your full sheet	Day 11 **Whole song** 80%. Fix one spot.	Day 12 **Whole song** Real speed. Play it for someone!

Cut these out, or draw your own



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