

and Laughter
Tree Lighting Ceremony
Songbook

Deck the Tree

With Songs and Laughter

Program



- Tesla Light Show
- Christmas Tree Blessing
- ❖ O Christmas Tree Solo by Ron Kelm
- Joy to the World
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- ❖ Silent Night − Solo by Renee Vande Streek
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- Jingle Bells
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Thank you for coming & Merry Christmas from the City of Markesan & Chamber of Commerce

O Christmas Tree

O Christmas Tree O Christmas Tree, you stand in splendid beauty (×2)

Your branches green in summer glow

Stay evergreen in winter's snow

Oh Christmas tree O Christmas tree you stand in splendid beauty.

Oh Tannenbaum Oh Tannenbaum, of all the trees most lovely (×2)

Each year you bring to us delight

With brightly shining Christmas light

Oh Tannebaum Oh Tannenbaum of all the trees most lovely.

Oh Christmas tree Oh Christmas tree, we learn from all your beauty (×2)

Your bright green leaves with festive cheer

Give hope and strength throughout the year

Oh Christmas tree Oh Christmas tree we learn from all your beauty

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come; Let Earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room; And Heaven and nature sing; And Heaven and nature sing; And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing

Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns; Let all their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains; Repeat the sounding joy; Repeat the sounding joy; Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

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Deck the Halls

Fa la la la la, la la la la; Fa la la la la, la la la; Oh no no;

Deck the halls with boughs of holly; Fa la la la la, la la la la;' Tis the season to be jolly; Fa la la la la, la la la la; Don we now our gay apparel; Fa la la; Troll the ancient Yuletide carol; Fa la la la la, la la la la;

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright. Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child. Holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia, Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night! Son of God love's pure light. Radiant beams from Thy holy face With dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus Lord, at Thy birth Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

Frosty the Snowman

Frosty the Snowman; was a jolly happy soul; With a corn cob pipe and a button nose; And two eyes made out of coal

Frosty the Snowman; Is a fairytale they say; He was made of snow, but the children know; How he came to life one day; There must have been some magic; In that old top hat they found; For when they placed it on his head; He began to dance around

Frosty the Snowman; had to hurry on his way; But he waved good-bye, saying, "Don't you cry I'll be back again someday!"

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

You know Dasher, and Dancer, and Prancer, and Vixen, Comet, and Cupid, and Donder and Blitzen But do you recall the most famous reindeer of all

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer had a very shiny nose and if you ever saw it you would even say it glows. All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names. They never let poor Rudolph play in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas eve Santa came to say: "Rudolph with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then all the reindeer loved him as they shouted out with glee, Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, you'll go down in history!

Jingle Bells

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells, Jingle all the way; Oh, what fun it is to ride, In a one horse open sleigh; Jingle bells, jingle bells, Jingle all the way; Oh, what fun it is to ride, In a one horse open sleigh

Dashing through the snow, On a one horse open sleigh; O'er the fields we go, Laughing all the way; Bells on bob tail ring, making spirits bright; What fun it is to laugh and sing; A sleighing song tonight

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way! Oh, What fun it is to ride, In a one horse open sleigh. Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way! Oh, What fun it is to ride In a one horse open sleigh. Hey!

Santa Clause is coming to Town

You better watch out, You better not cry, You better not pout, I'm telling you why. Santa Claus is coming to town; He's making a list, He's checking it twice, He's gonna find out who's naughty or nice; Santa Claus is coming to town He sees you when you're sleeping, And he knows when you're awake, He knows if you've been bad or good, So be good for goodness sake;

You better watch out, You better not cry, You better not pout, I'm telling you why, 'Cause Santa Claus is coming to town, Oh, let's go; Now, he sees you when you're sleeping, And he knows when you're awake; He knows if you've been bad or good, So be good for goodness sake;

You better watch out, You better not cry, You better not pout, I'm telling you why Santa Claus is coming to town.

We Wish you a Merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas; We wish you a merry Christmas; We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year; Good tidings we bring to you and your kin; We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year; Oh, bring us some figgy pudding; Oh, bring us some figgy pudding; Oh, bring us some figgy pudding; And bring it right here

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin; We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year; We won't go until we get some; We won't go until we get some; We won't go until we get some; So bring it right here

With all its good cheers; Good tidings we bring to you and your kin; We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year; We wish you a merry Christmas; We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year

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"As many mince pies as you taste at Christmas, so many happy months you will have."

Merry Christmas!
Peace and goodwill to all, and all, a good night.

American Traditions

History credits the first Christmas tree in America to Henrick Roddmore, a Hessian soldier captured at the Battle of Bennington in 1776. He went to work on Samual Denslow's farm in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, where, for the next 14 years, he put up and decorated Christmas trees in the Denslow family home.

The first retail Christmas tree lot was established in 1851 by a Pennsylvanian named Mark Carr, who hauled two ox sleds loaded with Christmas trees from the Catskill Mountains to the sidewalks of New York City.

Franklyn Pierce was the first president to set up a Christmas tree in the White House in 1856. President Coolidge held the first National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in 1923.

Edward Johnson, a friend of the famous inventor Thomas Edison, was responsible for the first Christmas lights in 1882, making hand-wired strings of red, white, and blue lights. This milestone paved the way for the mass production of Christmas lights around 1890.

The first department store Santa was James Edgar, who, in 1890, would wander about his store in Brockton, Massachusetts (the Boston Store) during Christmas dressed as Santa Claus, talking to his customers' children.

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