

Christmas Tunes to Harmonize

A one-page quick reference sheet for harmonizing some of the most popular Christmas tunes. Some tunes are listed in more than one location because a familiar portion, such as the opening section or chorus could be harmonized more simply.

I-V

Angels We Have Heard on High (opening section)
Deck the Halls (opening section)
Go Tell It On the Mountain (basic harmonization-chorus only)
I Saw Three Ships

I-IV-V

Away in a Manger (plus a ii)
Good King Wenceslas
Go Tell It On the Mountain (plus a V/V)
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (opening section)
Jingle Bells (plus a V/V)
Joy to the World
Silent Night
The First Noel
Up On the Housetop

I-ii-IV-V-vi

Angels We Have Heard on High (V/ii instead of vi)
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (plus V/V and V/ii)
O Come, All Ye Faithful (plus V/V)
O Little Town of Bethlehem (plus V/ii, V/vi)

I-IV-V-vi

Deck the Halls (plus V/V)
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (plus V/V, V/vi)
Jolly Old St. Nicholas (plus a iii)
O Christmas Tree (plus V/V and V/ii instead of vi)
We Three Kings (chorus)
We Wish You a Merry Christmas (plus V/V, V/vi)

i-III-iv-V-VII (verse) / I-IV-V-vi (chorus)

We Three Kings (Minor on verse / Major on chorus)

