

## Holiday Songs for Recorder

### by Denise Gagné

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### To The Teacher

Holiday Songs for Recorder is a versatile collection of holiday music for unison, two part and three part recorder. Chord symbols have been included (on the standard notation pages) if the teacher would like to add guitars or ukeleles to some of the arrangements. Accompaniment tracks are included if you would like to use them with your recorder classes. If you prefer to have unaccompanied recorders, the arrangements will sound fine alone.

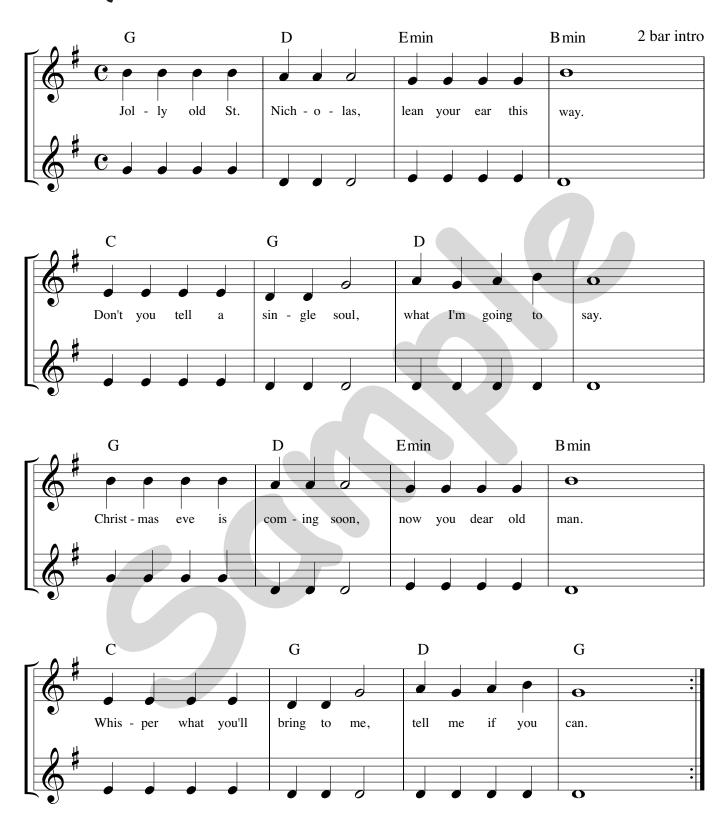
To help the teacher integrate special needs students into the recorder program, "kids notes" pages for each song are included in this kit. Kids note pages have the note name imprinted directly on the note head as an aid to reading for those students who need it. Students who use kids note pages are still reading rhythms and seeing the note placement, but will find it much easier to keep up with the class.

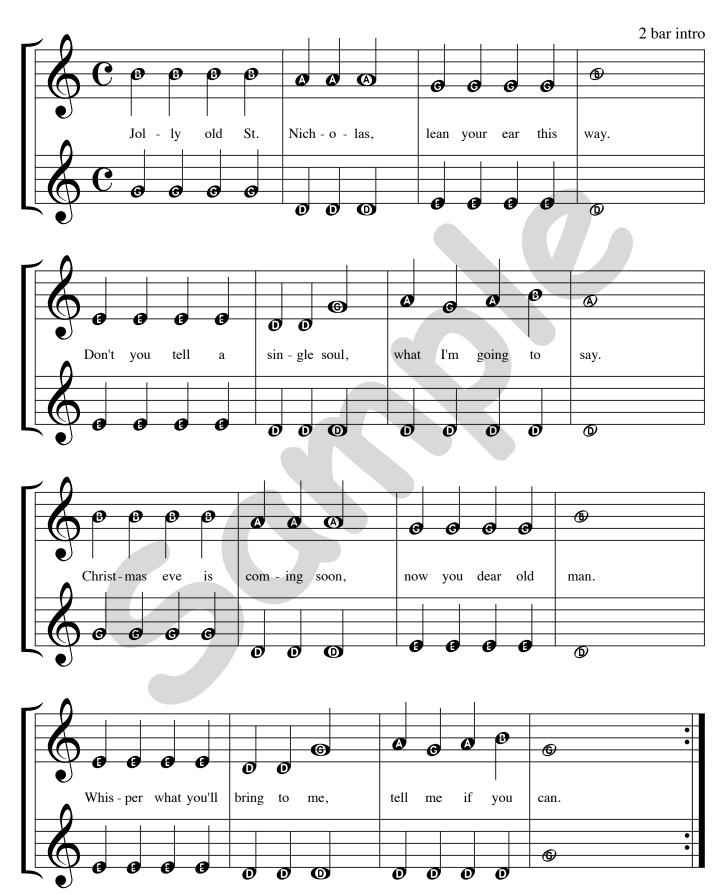
Some of the songs are traditional Christmas carols, but an effort has been made to include songs from other cultures and traditions.

The range of most of the songs is from C-D'. It has been the author's experience that Christmas songs are an excellent way to introduce new notes and accidentals. In Silent Night, high E and F are introduced. Bb and F# are introduced in some of the songs. The students are motivated to play the familiar songs, and quickly master the new fingerings in this context.

There are two accompaniments recorded for each song. One accompaniment is very slow, and the second accompaniment is closer to a performance tempo. The intros include a melodic fragment from the end of the song to help identify the starting point. The intros are marked on each student page and will become familiar quickly to both you and your students. Some of the songs include a repeat. In performance, you may wish to sing one verse and play the second. You may find the accompaniment tracks useful in accompanying classroom singing as well as recorders.

The author recognizes the difficulty that music teachers have in securing adequate budgets to maintain their programs. The teacher purchasing this kit has the rights to reproduce the songs in the kit and the accompaniment tracks for the students in their class. If another teacher requests a copy, please refer them to Themes & Variations or to your local music dealer. This low cost resource is readily available. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Join the Musicplay Teachers Facebook group to connect with other music teachers using Themes & Variations publications. Happy Holidays!







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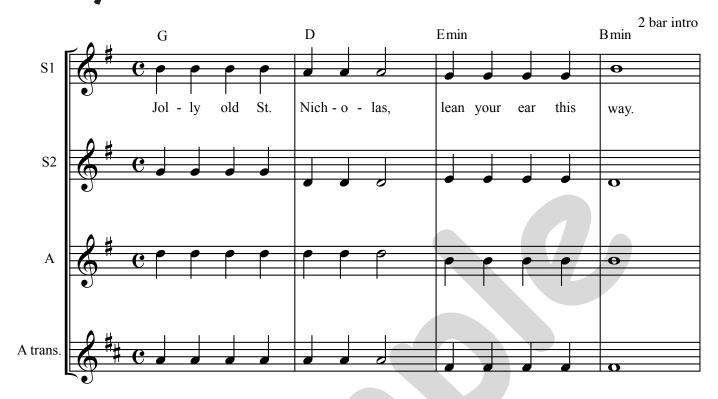
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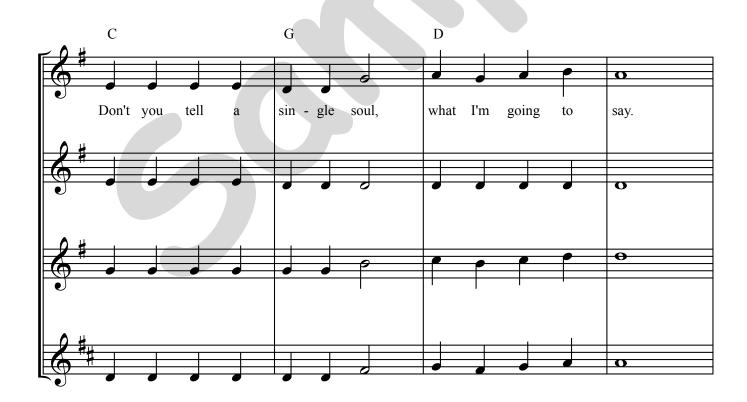
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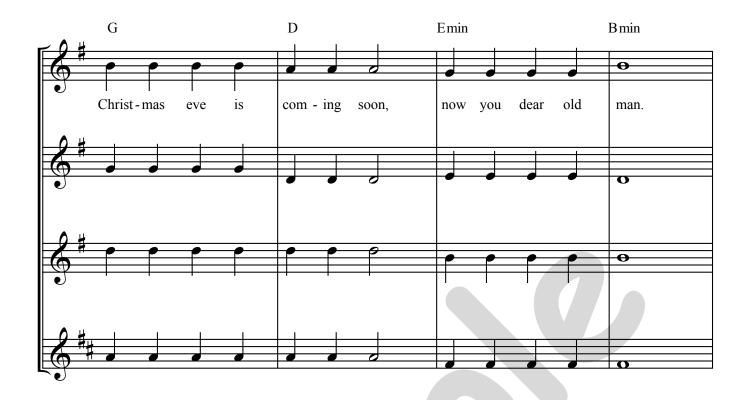
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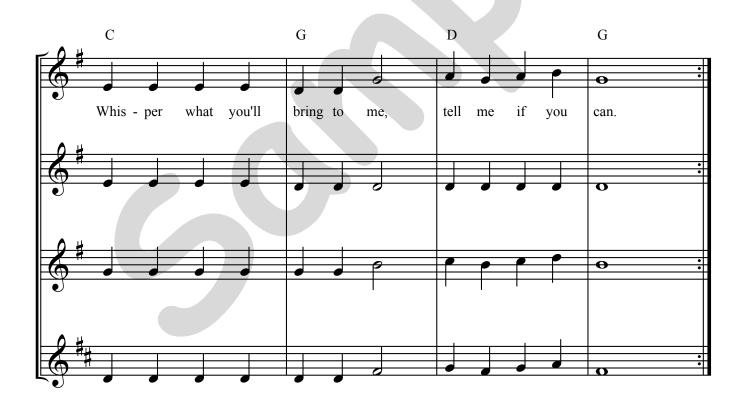
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