

BUSHFIRE PRESS DESCANT ENSEMBLES

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Thank you for purchasing this descant recorder ensemble piece. It comes from a collection called *Cool Yule*, which is available as separate downloadable pieces or as a collection of 15 pieces.

It is also available in hard copy (or physical product) as a photocopiable book and double CD pack.

HOW TO USE THIS ENSEMBLE

The piece is in 3 graded parts:

Cool Cats

Notes:



Rhythms:



Heroes

Notes:



(Please note: C# is optional)

Rhythms:



Legends

Notes:



Rhythms:



Chord Chart

This can be used for guitar, ukulele, bass, tuned percussion or piano/keyboard.

Audio Tracks

Each part and the ensemble is demonstrated.
The backtrack can be used for performance.

Creating an Arrangement

Each part can be successfully performed solo with the backtrack.

However, parts can be 'mixed and matched to create an arrangement:

As the backing provides for 4 times through the tune, try building up your arrangement by having **Legends** play the first time, adding the **Heroes** second time and having the **Cool Cats** join in for the third and fourth times.

Other variations:

1st time: Heroes

2nd time: Legends & Cool Cats

3rd & 4th times: All parts together

1st time: Legends

2nd time: Heroes & Cool Cats

3rd & 4th times: All parts together

Other instruments

Try adding guitar or ukulele, bass, autoharp, melodica, flute, violin, piano, keyboard, tuned percussion ... or any C instrument.

Try adding some untuned percussion to keep the beat and/or add a little 'spice'.

Experiment with dynamics (loud and soft). Play a little louder or softer each time.

Involve the students in the experimenting and the decision making.

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1. WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

(Cool Cats)

Intro: 8 bars Play 4 times



Chord Chart

Intro: 8 bars Play 4 times



WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

(Heroes)

Intro: 8 bars

Optional C#

Play 4 times

Musical notation for 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas (Heroes)'. It features a single staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notation includes an 8-bar introduction, a main melody, and a section marked 'Optional C#' with a sharp sign above it. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots. The instruction 'Play 4 times' is written at the end of the staff.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

(Legends)

Intro: 8 bars

Play 4 times

Musical notation for 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas (Legends)'. It consists of two staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The top staff contains an 8-bar introduction and the main melody. The bottom staff contains a shorter melody. The instruction 'Play 4 times' is written between the two staves.