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Mother's in the kitchen baking for the coming celebrations
Father says his back is aching putting up the decorations
Granny Kate is full of chatter waiting for the postman's call
Granda's looking for his glasses can't see very well at all

In the bedroom where it's quiet Uncle Bill is writing cards
Aunty Molly's on a diet finds the going very hard
Sister June is wrapping parcels ties them up with fancy bows
Special presents for her boyfriend it's a secret, so no one knows

Little tommy's eating jelly it's all running down his chin
Carol singers on the 'telly' everyone is joining in
Children fill the house with laughter hanging baubles on the tree
Times like these remembered after Christmas with the family.

A recitation from my Christmas album
'Christmas is Here'



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ARRANGED FOR PIANO WITH CHORDS

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING



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Silver bells all play their fairy chimes
 Pretty cards have their say in merry rhymes
 Even fir trees sway along in time
 They all know that Christmas is coming

Mister Robin sings a happy song
 In the snow, the Snowman swings along
 Even roses know it won't be long
 They all know that Christmas is coming soon

Mister Santa's on his way,
 Bringing lots of games to play
 Children listen for his sleigh,
 Don't delay for Christmas is coming

From the eves the icy xylophone
 Semibreves it to the garden gnome
 Who converses on the telephone
 Telling friends that "Christmas is coming soon"

Mister Santa's on his way
 We're all waiting for the day
 When together we will say
 "You're O.K. and thank you for coming"

Carol singers sing a melody
 While the ringers ring a harmony
 What a happy time it's gonna be
 Christmas time with all the family
 Christmas time with all of the family



Christmas is Coming

Brightly

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Piano introduction in B-flat major, 4/4 time. The music consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) with chords and some melodic lines. The chords are: Dm7, Gsus, G7, Em, Dmin7, C°7, Bb/F, and C9/G.

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the first line of lyrics. The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Sil - ver bells all play their fai - ry chimes Prett - y cards have their say in mer - rry rhyme." The piano accompaniment includes chords: F, Cdim, Gm7, C7, Gm7, C7, F, and F7.

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the second line of lyrics. The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "E - ven fir trees sway a - long in time. They all know that Christ - mas is com - ing". The piano accompaniment includes chords: EbMaj, Bbm7, F, G7, Gm7, C7, Gm7, and C7.

Mis - ter Ro - bin sings a ha - ppy song. In the snow the
 From the eves the i - cy xyl - o - phone se - mi - breves it
 Ca - rol sing - ers sing a me - lo - dy while the ring - ers

13 F Cdim Gm7 C7 Gm7 C7

Snow - man swings a - long. E - ven ro - ses know it won't be long.
 to the gar - den gnome, who con - ver - ses on the tel - e - phone.
 ring a har - mo - ny. What a ha - ppy time it's go - nna be,

16 F F7 EbMaj Bbm7 F G7 *Last time to Coda (31)*

They all know that Christ - mas is co - ming soon.
 Te - lling friends that Christ - mas is co - ming soon.

19 Gm7 C7 F Absus

Mis - ter San - ta's on his way. Bring - ing toys and
 Mis - ter San - ta's on his way, we're all wai - ting

23 Bb6 F Bb F Gsus

CHRISTMAS IS COMING



LITTLE FIR TREE

Little fir tree very small,
 Little fir tree when you're tall
 Standing proud for all to see
 You will be a Christmas tree
 We will take you home one night
 Garland you with tinsel bright
 What a picture you will be
 When You're a Christmas tree

Little fire tree when you grow
 On your branches white with snow
 We will place a Fairy Queen
 To survey the Christmas scene
 Bright reflections, pretty toys
 Some for girls and some for boys
 What a picture you will be
 When you're a Christmas tree

Little fire tree very soon
 Little fir tree in our room
 From your coat of forest green
 Gold and silver stars will gleam
 Cloured lights will brightly burn
 Hanging lanterns twist and turn
 What a picture you will be
 When you're a Christmas tree

Little fir tree all alone
 Little fir tree when you've grown
 We will dream of you each night
 Shining in the candle light
 When your dressing is complete
 We'll lay presents at your feet
 What a picture you will be
 When you're a Christmas tree



Little Fir Tree

Softly & Sweetly Words & Music by Dennis A. Westgate

Moderato

1

G7 G C

Li - ttle fir tree ve - ry small. Li - ttle fir tree when you're tall.
 Li - ttle fir tree when you grow. On your branch-es white with snow
 Li - ttle fir tree ve - ry soon li - ttle fir tree in our room
 Li - ttle fir tree all a - lone. Li - ttle fir tree when you've grown

4

Amin Emin F C

Stand-ing proud for all to see. You will be a Christ - mas tree.
 we will place a fair - y queen to sur - vey the Christ - mas scene.
 from your coat of for - est green gold and sil - ver stars will gleam.
 we will dream of you each night shin - ing in the can - dle light.

8

Dmin C D7 G

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A CHRISTMAS CALYPSO

A little bird flew on my shoulder today
 There was something special he had to say
 "I saw the manger where Jesus lay"
 And then he spread his wings and swiftly flew away

**Have you heard the story that's going about
 Must be something special of this there's no doubt
 It's the greatest story I'm bound to agree
 For everyone is telling it to me**

A donkey went by with his head in the air
 There's a special secret he had to share
 Joseph and Mary looked everywhere
 Heard of a place in town and so he took them there

**Have you heard the story that's going about
 Must be something special of this there's no doubt
 It's the greatest story I'm bound to agree
 For everyone is telling it to me**

A white fleecy lamb laid his head on my knee
 "I know something special" he said to me
 "I saw the Shepherds and Wise Men three
 All bless the baby boy, it was a sight to see"

**Have you heard the story that's going about
 Must be something special of this there's no doubt
 It's the greatest story I'm bound to agree
 For everyone is telling it to me**

Way down in Jamaica they're singing this song
 With a-something special to help it along
 They tell the story in simple rhyme
 Calypso Christmas Day
 Calypso Christmas Time.



A Christmas Calypso

Calypso feel

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Piano introduction in 4/4 time with a calypso feel. The right hand features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a steady bass line. Chords are indicated as 1, C, Dmin, and C.

Vocal line for the first phrase, starting with a whole rest followed by a quarter rest, then a series of quarter notes and a half note.

A li - ttle bird flew on my shoulder to - day.
 don - key went by with his head in the air.
 white flee - cy lamb laid his head on my knee.
 down in Ja - mai - ca they're sing - ing this song.

Piano accompaniment for the first phrase, continuing the rhythmic pattern. Chords are indicated as 4, FM7, C, and F.

Vocal line for the second phrase, consisting of a series of quarter notes and a half note.

There was some - thing spe - cial he had to say.
 There's a spec - ial se - cret he had to share.
 "I know some - thing spe - cial" he said to me.
 With some - thing spe - cial to help it a - long.

Piano accompaniment for the second phrase, continuing the rhythmic pattern. Chords are indicated as 7, G, and C.

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THE FIRST NATIVITY

Come little children to Bethlehem
 Home of a baby boy
 Come to the city of Bethlehem
 Sing of a mother's great joy
 Come and rejoice at a lowly stable
 Wonder at all you see
 Look through the window, there to find
 The first Nativity

Come little children to Bethlehem
 Hear us, the wise men sing
 One star will guide us to Bethlehem
 There we will worship a King
 Come and rejoice at a lowly stable
 Wonder at all you see
 Look through the widow there to find
 The first Nativity

Come little children to Bethlehem
 Shepherds will pray tonight
 Making their way into Bethlehem
 Sent by an Angel of Light
 Come and rejoice at a lowly stable
 Wonder at all you see
 Look through the window there to find
 The first Nativity



The First Nativity

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1

G F G C

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C F G C

Come li-ttle child-ren to Beth - l - e - hem Home of a ba - by boy.
 Come li-ttle child-ren to Beth - l - e - hem Hear us the wise men sing.
 Come li-ttle child-ren to Beth - l - e - hem Shep - herds will pray to - night.

9

C F G C

Come to the ci - ty of Beth - l - e - hem. Sing of a moth - er's great joy.
 One star will guide us to Beth - l - e - hem there we will wor - ship a king.
 Ma - king their way in - to Beth - l - e - hem Sent by an an - gel of light.