

CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE

from A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS

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Rather Slowly

Introduction for piano. The piece is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The right hand features a melody with a fermata over the first measure. The left hand plays a bass line with a triplet of eighth notes. The tempo is marked 'Rather Slowly' and the dynamics are 'mp'.

First line of the song. The vocal line begins with a fermata. The piano accompaniment continues with the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Christ - mas time is here, Snow - flakes in the air,". Chords are indicated above the vocal line: B \flat 13 \flat 9, E \flat maj 9 , and D \flat maj 9 (#11).

Second line of the song. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "hap - pi - ness and cheer. Fun for all that car - ols ev - 'ry - where. Ol - der times and". Chords are indicated above the vocal line: E \flat maj 9 , D \flat maj 9 (#11), Am 7 \flat 5, and A \flat m 7 . The piano accompaniment includes a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand.

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Gm⁷ F#m⁷ Fm⁷ B^b9^{b9} 1. Ebmaj⁹

chil - dren call their fav - 'rite time of year.
an - cient rhymes of love and dreams to

2. Cbmaj⁷ E¹³#11

share. Sleigh - bells in the air,

Cbmaj⁷ E¹³#11

beau - ty ev - 'ry - where.

Gm⁷ D^{b9}(#11) C⁹ C⁷(b9) Fm⁷ C^{b7}(#11)

Yule - tide by the fire - side and joy - ful mem - 'ries

B^{b9}(#11) B^{b13b9} Ebmaj⁹ D^bmaj⁹(#11)

there. Christ - mas time is here,

Ebmaj⁹ D^bmaj⁹(#11) Am^{7b5} Abm⁷

we'll be draw - ing near. Oh, that we could

Gm⁷ F#m⁷ Fm⁷ B^b9^{b9} E^bmaj⁹

al - ways see such spir - it through the year.

Am⁷b⁵ A^bm⁷ Gm⁷ F#m⁷ Fm⁷

Oh, that we could al - ways see such spir - it ____

Fm⁷/B^b E^bmaj⁹

through the year. ____