

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

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note :

Put the sound of all ding/dong/bong on the "ng"

Vocal percussion : the sound should has to represent tap-dancing
(whisper with strong pronunciation on the consonants
without air) :

Tee = pronounce T with ee position, but do not pronounce the 'ee'

t = "ts"

Ka = pronounce K with mouth open, but do not pronounce the 'a'

Ch = "ch" from 'chess'..

A

The musical score is written for five vocal parts: Soprano 1, Soprano 2, Mezzo Soprano, Alto 1, and Alto 2. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes vocal percussion parts with lyrics 'ding' and 'dong' and a main melody with lyrics 'It's be - gin - ning to look a lot like Christ - mas,'. The Alto 1 part includes a 'Rubato' section with a triplet of eighth notes. The Alto 2 part includes a 'dong' section with a triplet of eighth notes. The score is marked with a large 'A' and a '4' at the beginning of the main melody.

Soprano 1
ding dong ding dong ding dong

Soprano 2
ding dong ding dong ding dong

Mezzo Soprano
dong dong dong

Alto 1
— — — — —

Alto 2
— — — — —

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S1
ding dong ding dong ding dong

S2
ding dong ding dong ding dong

M
— — — — —

A1
— — — — —
It's be - gin - ning to look a lot like Christ - mas,

A2
— — — — —
dong dong

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S1 aah pret - ty to see ho - lly that will be

S2 aah pret - ty to see ho - lly that will be

M aah pret - ty to see ho - lly that will be

A1 store. But the pre - tti - est sight to see, is the ho - lly that will be, on your

A2 aah pret - ty to see ho - lly that will be

B swing = 120

19

S1 own front door. ding dong ding dong

S2 own front door. ding dong ding dong

M own front door. bong

A1 own front door. bong

A2 own front door. bong

22

S1 ding dong ding dong ding dong ding - e dong ding da di di dong_ Lead It's be -

S2 ding dong ding dong ding dong ding - e dong ding da di di dong_

M bong ding dong ding - e dong ding da di di dong_

A1 bong ding dong ding - e dong ding da di di dong_

A2 bong ding ding - e dong ding da di di dong_

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S1 toys in ev' - ry store. But the pre - tti - est sight to see, is the

S2 toys in ev' - ry store. pre - tti - est sight to see, is the

M toys in ev' - ry store. pre - tti - est sight to see, is the

A1 toys in ev' - ry store. pre - tti - est sight to see, is the

A2 toys in ev' - ry store. pre - tti - est sight to see, is the

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S1 ho - lly that will be, on your own front door. A pair of

S2 ho - lly that will be, on your own front door. A pair of

M ho - lly that will be, on your own front door.

A1 ho - lly that will be, on your own front door.

A2 ho - lly that will be, on your own front door.

D

41

S1 hop-a-long boots and a pi-stol that shoots is the wish of Bar - ney and Ben. hoo ha wee ooh

S2 hop-a-long boots and a pi-stol that shoots is the wish of Bar - ney and Ben. hoo ha wee ooh

M ooh ah ee ooh wish of Bar - ney and Ben. hoo ha wee ooh

A1 ooh ah ee ooh wish of Bar - ney and Ben. dm dm dm dm

A2 ooh ah ee ooh wish of Bar - ney and Ben. Dolls that will talk and will go for a walk is the

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S1 stur - dy kind that does - n't mind the snow. It's be - gin - ning to look a lot like Christ - mas,

S2 stur - dy kind that does - n't mind the snow. ding ding dong oh

M stur - dy kind that does - n't mind the snow. ding ding dong oh

A1 stur - dy kind that does - n't mind the snow. ding ding dong oh

A2 the snow. dm dm dm dm

58

S1 soon the bells will start. And the thing that will make them ring is the

S2 soon the bells will bong thing that will make them ring is the

M soon the bells will bong thing that will make them ring is the

A1 soon the bells will bong thing that will make them ring is the

A2 soon the bells will bong thing that will make them ring is the

dm dm dm bong thing that will make them ring is the

61

S1 ca - rol that you sing, right with - in your own and one heart.

S2 ca - rol that you sing, right with - in one and on - ly heart.

M ca - rol that you sing, right with - in your heart.

A1 ca - rol that you sing, right with - in your heart. *Lead*

A2 ca - rol that you sing, right with - in your heart. dee dee

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S1 K Tee K ch' ch' ch' ch' K Tee K t K de

S2 K Tee K ch' ch' ch' ch' K Tee K t K de

M dee - dee doo - de - lee dum dee - de - lee doo - de - lee dee - de - lee doo - de - lee dee - dee doo - de - lee dum de

A1 K t Tee K t K ch' ch' ch' ch' K Tee K t K de

A2 K Tee K K K K K K K Tee K t K de

76

S1 dee dee dee dee do - de - lee dee dee do de - lee doo It's be - gin - ning to look a lot like

S2 dee dee dee dee do - de - lee dee dee do de - lee doo, ding — dong

M dee dee dee dee do - de - lee dee dee do de - lee doo, ding — dong

A1 dee dee dee dee do - de - lee dee dee do de - lee doo It's be - gin - ning to look a lot like

A2 dee dee dee dee do - de - lee dee dee do de - lee doo dm ding - e dong

79

S1 Christ - mas, soon — the bells will start. — And the

S2 a ding - e ding dong soon — the bells will start —

M a ding - e ding dong soon — the bells will start —

A1 Christ - mas, dong soon — the bells will start —

A2 dm ding dong soon — the bells will start —



Vowels, Scat and Percussive Sounds

Vowels

OO	as in	Shoe	AH	Car
OH		Show	A	Tap
OW		Cow	AI	My
E		Her	I	Dip
EE		Me	U	tongue
EH		Get	MM	humming

woah is standard

Not wow, woa, woah

Oh is standard

Not Ohw etc. Diphthongs in English are not written.

Scat

doo ba doo

Not doo b doo

doo be doo

Not doo b doo

'Dum' or 'doom'

Not 'dm'

'Dung'

Not 'dng'

Vocal Percussion

check <http://www.choronline.com/en/vocalpercussion>

b	bass drum
pf	snare drum
k	snare drum rim
tff or ff	snare drum brushed
t	closed Hi-hat
tsh	open Hi-hat
tum	toms
psh	crashing cymbals
tsah	soft cymbal
ssss(p)	reversed cymbal
tiff'e – tshiff'e	shaker (with accent)
tshiff'e - tshiff'e	shaker (no accent)
<c>	claves (horse click)
koo root	guiro
ch (k-t)	cabasa
<p>	woodblock
ting	triangle