



Moodswing
Laughing All the Way
(A Jazz Christmas)

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with

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1. Santa Claus Is Coming To Town

(Haven Gillespie, J. Fred Coots, arr. Greg Murai)

(Julie) You better watch out
(Clinton) You better not cry
(Michelle) You better not pout
(Paul) I'm telling you why
(Michelle) Santa Claus is coming to town

(Paul) He's making a list
(Clinton) And he's checking it twice
(Michelle) Gunna find out who's
 naughty or nice all sugar and spice
 Santa Claus is coming to town

He sees you when you're sleeping
 He knows when you're awake
 He knows if you've been bad or good
 So be good for goodness sake
 Yeah!

You better watch out
 You better not cry
 You'd better not pout
(Clinton) I'm telling you why
(Julie) Santa Claus is coming to town

(Paul) With little tin horns, and little toy drums
 Roody toot toots, and rummy tum tums,
 Santa Claus is coming to town

(Joe piano solo, Paul scat)

(Paul) The girls and boys in Toyland
 will have a jubilee
 They're going to build a Toyland town
 all around the Christmas tree

Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree
 How richly God has made thee

You better never ever scream, rant, or shout
 You better not cry
 You better not pout
(Michelle) I'm telling you why
 Santa Claus is coming to town

He's bringing his gifts and bringing his cheer
 You can hear him laugh with his eight reindeer
 Old Saint Nicolas, is coming to town

(Julie) Mr. Kris Kringle is coming to town
 Better not pout, better not shout!

2. Hark the Herald Angels Sing

(Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Greg Murai)

(Michelle) Hark the herald angels sing ("Glory, Glory")
 "Glory to the newborn King!" ("Glory, Glory")
 With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem"
 Hark the herald angels sing, "Sing Glory to the newborn King"

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace, Hail the Son of Righteousness
 Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings

(Michelle) Joyful all ye nations rise ("Glory, Glory")
 Join the triumph of the skies ("Glory, Glory")
 Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth
 Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"

(Julie scat)

(Julie) Joyful all the angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"
 Coming down with us to dwell, Jesus our Emanuel
(Paul) Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"
(Clinton) Do do do do do . . .
(Michelle) Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies

With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem"
 Hark the herald angels sing, "Sing Glory to the newborn King"
 Glory to the newborn King

3. Oh Christmas Tree

(Traditional; arr. and additional text by Clinton Day)

(Julie) Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree of all the trees so lovely
 Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree your leaves of green above me
(Julie) Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree how lovely are your branches
 Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree I love the circumstances

Each year you bring to me delight when Santa stops by in the night
(Julie) Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree how lovely are your branches

Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree with faithful leaves unchanging
 Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree my presents I'm arranging
 I hide behind the TV set to see what presents I will get
 Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree with faithful leaves unchanging

Do daht do wah do yah, Christmas tree is so commanding
 Do daht do wah do yah, under Christmas tree we're standing
(Julie) You bring us all together now, so help us get along somehow
 Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree we really love our family

(Paul) Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree, you've got me feeling pensive
 Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree, this time of year's expensive
 I mean, buying Mommy's gift is hard, with all of my maxed out credit cards
 Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree, it's all sort of depressive

(Clinton and Michelle scat)

I like to place the star on top, and chase it with a lemon drop
 So Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree, most beautiful of all
 And that's all

4. Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

(R. Blane, H. Martin, arr. Greg Murai)

(Julie) Have yourself a merry little Christmas
(with Paul) let your heart be light
From now on, *(with Clinton)* your troubles will be out of sight

So have yourself a merry little Christmas, make the Yule-tide gay
From now on, your troubles will be miles away

(Julie) Here we are as in olden days, happy golden days of yore
(Paul) Faithful friends that are dear to us gather near to us once more

Through the years we all will be together, if the Fates allow
Hang a shining star upon the highest bough
(Paul) And have yourself a merry little Christmas now
(Michelle and Clinton) Have yourself a Merry Christmas now

5. Deck the Hall

(Traditional, arr. Greg Murai)

Deck the halls with boughs of holly, 'tis the season to be jolly
Don we now our gay apparel, troll the ancient Yule-tide carol

See the blazing Yule before us, strike the harp and join the chorus
Follow me in five-four measure, while I tell of Yule-tide treasure

(Joe piano solo)

6. First Snowfall

(Penny Rodriguez, arr. Greg Murai)

(Michelle) First snowfall came that year on Christmas Eve
First snowfall it was easy to believe
(with Julie) in Santa Claus and sugar plums and stockings hung with care
I wonder where that wonder has gone

(Michelle with Julie) First snowfall come again and make me see
The wonder of it all and let me be
A child once more, so safe and warm, innocent and trusting
Come again, first snowfall, tonight

(Michelle) First snowfall came that year on Christmas Eve
First snowfall it was easy to believe
(with Julie) That families never fall apart, that daddies never leave
That happily ever after could be

(Michelle with Julie) First snowfall come again and make me see
The wonder of it all and let me be
A child once more, so safe and warm, innocent and trusting
Come again, first snowfall, tonight

Each year it gets a little harder remembering yesterday
Trying to recapture the essence of innocence

First snowfall, come again, and make me see, let me see
The wonder of it all and let me be a child again, safe and warm
Innocent and trusting – come again, first snowfall, tonight

7. Joy to the World

(G.F. Handel, arr. Greg Murai)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders, of His love
Joy to the World!

(Joe piano solo, Paul and Clinton scat)

We sing of Joy, to the world we sing
We sing of Joy to the world
(Julie scat)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing

8. Frosty the Snowman

(J. Rollins, S. Nelson, arr. Clinton Day)

Frosty the Snowman was a jolly, happy soul
With a corn cob pipe and a button nose
And two eyes made out of coal

Frosty the Snowman was a fairytale they say
He was made of snow but the children know
How he came to life one day

There must have been some magic in that old silk hat they found
For when they placed it on his head he began to dance around

Oh Frosty the Snowman was alive as he could be
And the children say he could laugh and play
Just the same as you and me

Thumpety . . . thump, thump! *(Joe piano solo)*
Thumpety . . . thump, thump! *(Phil percussion solo)*

Frosty the Snowman knew the sun was hot that day
So he said, "Let's run and we'll have some fun
now before I melt away"

Down to the village with a broomstick in his hand
Running here and there all around the square
saying, "Catch me if you can!"

He led them down the streets of town right to a traffic cop
He only paused a moment when he heard him holler, "Stop!"

Frosty the Snowman had to hurry on his way
But he waved goodbye saying, "Don't you cry
I'll be back again some day"

Look at Frosty go. . . man!

9. I'll Be Home for Christmas

(Walter Kent, Kim Gannon, Buck Ram, arr. Greg Murai)

(Julie) I'll be home for Christmas you can count on me
Please have snow and mistletoe and presents by the tree
Christmas Eve will find me where the love light gleams
I'll be home for Christmas if only in my dreams

Christmas Eve will find me where the love light beams
I'll be home for Christmas if only in my dreams

10. Sleigh Ride

(Mitchell Parish, Leroy Anderson, arr. Michelle Hawkins)

(Michelle) Just hear those sleigh bells jingling, ring ting tingling too
Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you
Outside the snow is falling and friends are calling "Yoo hoo"
Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you

(Paul) Giddy up, giddy up, giddy up, let's go, let's look at the show,
We're riding in a wonderland of snow
Giddy up, giddy up, giddy up, it's grand, just holding your hand,
We're riding along with a song of a wintery fairy land

(Michelle) Our cheeks are nice and rosy and comfy cozy are we
We're snuggled up together like two birds of a feather would be
Take that road before us and sing another chorus or two
Come on, it's lovely weather to sleigh ride together with you

(Paul Scat)

There's a birthday party at the home of Farmer Gray
It'll be the perfect ending a of perfect day
(Michelle) We'll be singing the songs we love to sing
without a single stop
(Paul) At the fireplace while we watch the chestnuts pop
Pop! Pop! Pop!

There's a happy feeling nothing in the world can buy
When they pass around the coffee and the pumpkin pie
(Michelle) It'll nearly be like a picture print by Currier and Ives
These wonderful things are the things we remember all through our lives

Just hear those sleigh bells jingling, ring ting tingling too
Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride with you
Now the snow is falling and friends are calling, "Yoo hoo!"
It's lovely weather to sleigh ride with you

(Paul) Giddy up, giddy up, giddy up, let's go, let's look at the show,
We're riding in a wonderland of snow
Giddy up, giddy up, giddy up, it's grand, just holding your hand
We're riding along with a song of a wintery fairy land

Our cheeks are rosy, cozy are we
We're snuggled up together like two birds should be
Take that road before us and sing another chorus or two
(Paul) It's lovely weather, let's get together
Let's go for a little sleigh ride, with you
Let's get together for a sleigh ride