

O Christmas Tree

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SATB Chorus and Piano

(O Tannenbaum)

for SAB Chorus and Piano

Ernst Gebhard Anschutz, 1824

Duration: 2:20

Traditional German

Arranged by Michael Pratt, ASCAP

Spirited ♩ = 96 *f*

Soprano
O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, thy leaves are green for - ev - er. O

Alto
O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, thy leaves are green for - ev - er. O

Bass
O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, thy leaves are green for - ev - er. O

Piano
f

7

S
Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, thy beau-ty leaves thee nev-er. Thy leaves are green in sum-mer s prime, thy

A
Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, thy beau-ty leaves thee nev-er. Thy leaves are green in sum-mer s prime, thy

B
Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, thy beau-ty leaves thee nev-er. Thy leaves are green in sum-mer s prime, thy

Pno.

13

S
leaves are green at Christ-mas time. O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, thy leaves are green for - ev - er.

A
leaves are green at Christ-mas time. O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, thy leaves are green for - ev - er.

B
leaves are green at Christ-mas time. O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, thy leaves are green for - ev - er.

Pno.

19

S
mp Ah —————

A
mp Ah —————

B
mf O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, thy leaves are green for - ev - er. O

Pno.
mf

25

S

Ah

A

Ah

B

Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, thy beau-ty leaves thee nev-er. Thy leaves are green in sum-mer s prime, thy

Pno.

31

S

Ah

A

Ah

B

leaves are green at Christ-mas time. O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, thy leaves are green for - ev - er.

Pno.

37

mf

S O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, Thy cand - les shine out bright - ly! O

mf

A O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, Thy cand - les shine out bright - ly! O

mp

B Ah ————— Ah -

Pno. *mf*

43

S Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, Thy can - dles shine out bright - ly! Each bough doth hold its tin - y light, That

A Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, Thy can - dles shine out bright - ly! Each bough doth hold its tin - y light, That

B Ah —————

Pno.

49

S makes each toy to spar-kle bright. O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, Thy can-dles shine out bright-ly!

A makes each toy to spar-kle bright. O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, Thy can-dles shine out bright-ly!

B

Ah

Pno.

55

S *f* O Tan-nen-baum, O Tan-nen-baum, wie grün sind dei-ne blät-ter. O Tan-nen-baum, O

A *f* O Tan-nen-baum, O Tan-nen-baum, wie grün sind dei-ne blät-ter. O Tan-nen-baum, O

B *f* O Tan-nen-baum, O Tan-nen-baum, wie grün sind dei-ne blät-ter. O Tan-nen-baum, O

Pno. *f*

62

S
Tan - nen - baum, wie grün sind dei - ne blät - ter. Du grünst nicht nur zur som - mer - zeit, nein auch im win - ter

A
Tan - nen - baum, wie grün sind dei - ne blät - ter. Du grünst nicht nur zur som - mer - zeit, nein auch im win - ter

B
Tan - nen - baum, wie grün sind dei - ne blät - ter. Du grünst nicht nur zur som - mer - zeit, nein auch im win - ter

Pno.

68

S
wenn es schneit. O Tan - nen - baum, O Tan - nen - baum, wie grün sind dei - ne blät - ter! thy leaves are green for - ev - er. *ff* **Meno Mosso**

A
wenn es schneit. O Tan - nen - baum, O Tan - nen - baum, wie grün sind dei - ne blät - ter! thy leaves are green for - ev - er. *ff*

B
wenn es schneit. O Tan - nen - baum, O Tan - nen - baum, wie grün sind dei - ne blät - ter! thy leaves are green for - ev - er. *ff*

Pno. **Meno Mosso** *ff*

About **O Christmas Tree** (O Tannenbaum)

O Christmas Tree (or O Tannenbaum in the original German) is one of Europe's favorite Christmas carols, having appeared in Germany in the middle ages about the time the practice of bringing a fir tree into the house and decorating it began in the Rhineland. Germans set up a paradise tree in their homes and decorated it with wafers, cookies, candies and other forms of decoration. The tradition was brought to England in the 19th century by Prince Albert, the German husband of Queen Victoria. The 1st German verse is traditional and the 2nd and 3rd verses (in German) were written in 1824 by Ernst Anschutz, a Leipzig schoolmaster. There are many different translations of the German.

About **Michael Pratt**

Michael Pratt studied composition with Pulitzer Prize winning composers Ross Lee Finney and Leslie Bassett at The University of Michigan. He has taught music in the public schools for many years in Michigan.

He has sung with The Toledo Choral Society, Toledo Symphony Chorale, Opera!Lenawee, and The University Musical Society Choral Union of The University of Michigan with whom he has performed with The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, The San Francisco Symphony, The Russian National Orchestra, The Ann Arbor Symphony, The Lansing Symphony, The Grand Rapids Symphony, The Toledo Symphony, The Birmingham, Symphony, The Gabrieli Consort, and The Tallis Scholars.

He has played tuba with The Toledo Symphony, Toledo Concert Band, Toledo Opera, University of Toledo Faculty Brass Quintet, Adrian Chamber Brass, Adrian College Faculty Brass Quintet, and since 1981 with the Adrian Symphony Orchestra.