

Traditional

Christmas is coming

Walford Davies
(1869-1941)

Very merrily

The musical score consists of five staves of music for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in common time (indicated by '2'). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The vocal parts are separated by a space. The first staff begins with a forte dynamic (f).

Lyrics:

- Christ - mas is com - ing, the geese are get - ting fat,
fat,
- Please to put a pen - ny in the old man's hat.
- Christ - mas is com - ing, the geese are get - ting fat,
fat,
- Please to put a pen - ny in the old man's hat. If you
- have - n't got a pen - ny, a ha' - pny 'll do, a ha' - pny 'll do, a ha' - pny 'll do.—

Dynamics:

- f (forte) at the beginning of the first section
- p (piano) in the second section
- p (piano) in the third section
- p (piano) in the fourth section
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Performance Instructions:

- "Very merrily" (indicated by a smiley face)
- Accents on various notes throughout the piece
- Slurs on groups of notes, particularly in the final section

ad lib.

pp

cresc.

two, three, four!

f But a pen-ny's bet-ter, A pen-ny or two are bet-ter, or three! or four!

a tempo

ff

Christ - mas is com - ing, the geese are get - ting fat,

fat,

Please to put a pen - ny in the old man's hat. If you

faster

have - n't got a pen - ny, a ha' - p'ny 'll do, *mf* If you

p

have-n't got a ha'-p'ny, a far-thing 'll do; If you have-n't got a far-thing,

p

p Slowly *f* Quickly

God bless you! God bless the mas-ter of this house, like -

wise the mis-tress too, And all the lit-tle chil-dren that round the ta-ble

mf Love

f
 grow. Love and joy come to you, and to you your was-sail too, And we

wish you, we wish you a hap-py New Year, and we

wish you a hap - py New Year. 1. Love and Year. 2.