

## Christmas Hornpipe

Musical score for "Christmas Hornpipe" in B-flat major, 2/4 time. The score consists of three staves of music. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat major), and a 2/4 time signature. It contains measures 1-6 with chords Bb, F7, Eb, and Bb. The second staff starts with measure 7 and contains measures 7-12 with chords Eb, F7, Bb, Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, and F7. The third staff starts with measure 13 and contains measures 13-18, including a triplet in measure 14 and a first/second ending in measure 18.

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"Christmas Hornpipe" is an American hornpipe in the unusual key of B Flat Major. The parts are played AABB. This tune is popular in contra-dance groups.

Elias Howe printed contra-dance directions along with the tune in 1867.

It was printed in Howe's **Improved Edition of the Musician's Omnibus** (1861), Howe's **1000 Jigs and Reels** (c. 1867), Ryan's **Mammoth Collection** (1883), Cole's **1000 Fiddle Tunes** (1940), Ford's **Traditional Music in America** (1940) and White's **Unique Collection** (1986).