

# Where's Father Christmas?

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## Lyrics

- Adult Choir – Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass
- Junior Choir 1
- Junior Choir 2

Bar No.

2 (Adult Bass – Ba dum dum dum dum)

**Chorus** (Children singing in two part canon/round)

Junior Choir 1

Junior Choir 2

3 Where is Santa? Where is Santa?

5 Father Christmas are you near yet?

7 Christmas Day is getting closer.

9 Where is Santa? Getting closer.

11

Where is Santa? Where is Santa?

Father Christmas are you near yet?

Christmas Day is getting closer.

Where is Santa? Getting closer.

14 (Adult Bass – Ba dum dum dum dum)

**Verse 1** (Adults)

15 Where's Father Christmas at this busy time of year?

There's snow on the ground and all around,

we're in need of festive cheer. [Bass - Ho, ho, ho.]

23 Where's Father Christmas at this busy time of year?

He's feeding hay to the deer that pull the sleigh,

preparing for their big day.

32 (Adult Bass – Ba dum dum dum dum)

**Chorus** (as above)

44 (Adult Bass – Ba dum dum dum dum)

**Verse 2** (Adults)

45 Where's Father Christmas at this busy time of year?

He's beaver away loading up his sleigh

as Christmas Day draws near.

53 Where's Father Christmas at this busy time of year?

He's delivering toys to the girls and boys

with Rudolph and the other reindeer.

62 (Adult Bass – Ba dum dum dum dum)

**Chorus** (as above)

74 (Adult Bass – Dum dum dum dum)

**Verse 3** (Adults)

75 Where's Father Christmas at this busy time of year?

We have put his mince pie by the fireside,

next to his bottle of beer. [Bass - Ho, ho, ho.]

83 Where's Father Christmas at this busy time of year?

With eyes shut tight all through the night

Father Christmas will soon be here.

92 With eyes shut tight all through the night, Father

95 Christmas will soon be

97 here! [Tenor – Where is Santa?]

98 [Bass – Getting closer.]

(Junior Choirs 1 & 2)

Christmas Day is getting closer.

Where is Santa?

Getting closer.

101

Where is Santa?

102

Getting closer.

103

Where is Santa?

104 Shhhh, he's here!! [Everyone – in an excited whisper!]



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## Explanatory Notes:

This composition is fun, simple and light hearted. With some shops stocking their Christmas goodies from September onwards it is hardly surprising that children will frequently ask "How long 'til Christmas?" and "When will Santa be here?" - a bit like having children in the car on a long journey with them repeatedly asking "Are we there yet?". This song has the children repeatedly asking "Where's Father Christmas?" with this part of the chorus based on the notes of a chiming clock. The verses tell the story of how busy Santa is and all he has to do before Christmas. It ends with the arrival of Santa and everyone singing "Shhh, He's here!"

The song is scored for two Junior Choirs/groups and an Adult Choir (SATB). However, it may also be sung in other arrangements including:-

- All children – all the children sing the tune (Soprano part) during the verses. From bar 95 onwards the children will need to be divided into 3 groups – Group 1 and Group 2 sing the parts as written for their groups in the score, with Group 3 singing the adult Soprano part.
- All adults - divide into two groups to sing the two children's parts during the choruses. From bar 95 some adults will need to sing the children's parts whilst all the other adult parts are covered at the same time.

The **Sleigh Bells** are an essential part of the song. The Sleigh Bells represent Santa's sleigh and play quietly throughout as Santa is far away, then towards the end they get louder as Santa is getting closer, then just before the very end the Sleigh Bells stop suddenly because the sleigh has stopped outside and **Santa is here!**

The part for **Tubular Bells/Hand Bells/Chime Bars** (either may be used) symbolises a chiming clock, which represents the passage of time towards Christmas and the arrival of Santa. The notes used are: Middle C (40), D (42), F (45), G (47), A (49), C (52).

The single note on the **Triangle** is optional and purely for humour, so if preferred it may be omitted. It is the very last beat of the composition when everyone else is silent. The Triangle player needs to be a bit of an actor too – counting through so many bars rest that they fall asleep and are then nudged awake by a fellow performer during the final bars, thus in a panic the Triangle is played (as if by mistake) after everyone has sung "Shhh, He's here!". Alternatively the sleigh bells and triangle can both be played by a single percussionist.

The **tuba** part is again used for humour – jovially bumbling along portraying Santa himself.

As the lyrics are extremely 'visual' a children's drama group could perform the story or the children could do some actions whilst singing.

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Parts:	No. required	Tracks available on CD or MP3:	No. required on CD	No. required as MP3
Full Score		Demo Track (single demo voice only)		
Lyrics Sheets		Rehearsal Track: Each vocal part is represented by a different instrument		
Explanatory Notes Sheet		Backing Track 1: Piano, Tuba, Bells/Chimes & Sleigh Bells		
Piano Part		Backing Track 2: Piano, Tuba & Bells/Chimes		
Tuba Part		Backing Track 3: Piano & Tuba		
Bells/ Chimes Part		Backing Track 4: Piano only		
Sleigh Bells & Triangle Part				



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