

TAG WRITING TIPS

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

2020-2021 Region 13 Arrangers WorkShop at HCNW Tag Writing Contest

To enter the Tag Writing Contest, you can either create your own melody and words or choose a melody and words from the public domain. As of January 1, 2021, songs first published in 1925 in the U. S. will enter the public domain. <https://www.pdinfo.com/pd-music-genres/pd-popular-songs-1925.php>

Here's a tag based on a familiar English folk song from the 1500's – *We Wish You A Merry Christmas*:

We Wish You A Merry Christmas Tag

Traditional English Carol

Arranged by Janice Wheeler

The musical score is written for Tenor Lead and Bari Bass in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is presented in a tag format with numbered measures 1 through 10. The lyrics are: "We wish you a Mer - ry Christ - mas, we wish you a Mer - ry Christ - mas, we wish you a Mer - ry Christ - mas and a Hap - py and Pros - p'rous New Year! Hap - py New Year!"

Measure 1: Tenor Lead (G4), Bari Bass (F3).
 Measure 2: Tenor Lead (A4), Bari Bass (G3).
 Measure 3: Tenor Lead (B4), Bari Bass (A3).
 Measure 4: Tenor Lead (C5), Bari Bass (B3).
 Measure 5: Tenor Lead (B4), Bari Bass (A3).
 Measure 6: Tenor Lead (A4), Bari Bass (G3).
 Measure 7: Tenor Lead (G4), Bari Bass (F3).
 Measure 8: Tenor Lead (F4), Bari Bass (E3).
 Measure 9: Tenor Lead (E4), Bari Bass (D3).
 Measure 10: Tenor Lead (D4), Bari Bass (C3).

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Tenor Lead

Bari Bass

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1 We wish you a Mer - ry Christ - mas, we wish you a Mer - ry

2

3

4 Christ - mas, we wish you a Mer - ry Christ - mas and a Hap - py and

5

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8 Pros - p'rous New Year!

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Hap - py New Year!

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