

O Tannenbaum

Ernst Anschütz, 1824

German folk tune

D A D A

1. O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, Thy branches green de -
2. O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, Much plea-sure dost thou
3. O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, How love-ly are thy

The first system of music features a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, with lyrics underneath. The bass line is on a separate staff below, consisting of chords. Above the treble staff, the chords D, A, D, and A are indicated above the first four measures.

A7 D D A D

light us! O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, Thy
bring me! O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, Much
bran-ches! O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, How

The second system continues the melody and bass line. Above the treble staff, the chords A7, D, D, A, and D are indicated above the first five measures.

A A7 D D G

branches green de-light us! Not on-ly in the
plea-sure dost thou bring me! And ev-ery year the
love-ly are thy bran-ches! Not on-ly green when

The third system continues the melody and bass line. Above the treble staff, the chords A, A7, D, D, and G are indicated above the first five measures.

A7 D

sum-mer bright, But still when win-ter snow is white. O
Christ-mas tree, Brings to us all both joy and glee. O
sum-mer's here, But in the dark-est time of year. O

The fourth system concludes the melody and bass line. Above the treble staff, the chords A7 and D are indicated above the first two measures.

D A D A A7 D

Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, Thy branches green de - light us!
 Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, Much pleasure dost thou bring me!
 Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, How love-ly are thy branch-es!

Original German words:

1. O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum,
 Wie grün sind deine Blätter!
 Du grünst nicht nur zur Sommerzeit,
 Nein, auch im Winter, wenn es schneit.
 O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum,
 Wie grün sind deine Blätter!

2. O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum,
 Du kannst mir sehr gefallen!
 Wie oft hat schon zur Winterzeit
 Ein Baum von dir mich hoch erfreut!
 O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum,
 Du kannst mir sehr gefallen!

3. O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum,
 Dein Kleid will mich was lehren:
 Die Hoffnung und Beständigkeit
 Gibt Mut und Kraft zu jeder Zeit!
 O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum,
 Dein Kleid will mich was lehren!