Playing the Mountain Dulcimer Made Easy: A Christmas Collection for Beginners

The mountain dulcimer is a beautiful and versatile instrument that is perfect for playing Christmas carols. With its sweet, mellow sound, the dulcimer is a great choice for creating a warm and inviting atmosphere during the holiday season.



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If you're a beginner dulcimer player, don't worry! This collection of 10 classic Christmas carols has been arranged specifically for beginners, with easy-to-follow instructions and helpful tips.

In this book, you'll learn:

- How to hold the dulcimer and pick the strings
- The basic chords you need to know

How to play the melodies of 10 classic Christmas carols

The carols in this collection include:

- Silent Night
- Deck the Halls
- Jingle Bells
- We Wish You a Merry Christmas
- O Come, All Ye Faithful
- The First Noel
- Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
- Joy to the World
- Away in a Manger
- It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

With its clear instructions, helpful tips, and beautiful arrangements, this Christmas collection is the perfect way to get started playing the mountain dulcimer. So grab your dulcimer and get ready to fill your home with the sounds of Christmas!

How to Play the Mountain Dulcimer

The mountain dulcimer is a fretted stringed instrument that is played by strumming or picking the strings. It has three strings, which are typically tuned to D, A, and E. The dulcimer is a great instrument for beginners because it is relatively easy to learn to play. To play the dulcimer, you will need to hold the instrument in your lap or on a table. The left hand is used to fret the strings, while the right hand is used to pick or strum the strings.

The most common way to play the dulcimer is to use a pick. Picks can be made from a variety of materials, such as plastic, metal, or wood. To pick the strings, simply hold the pick between your thumb and forefinger and strum the strings up and down.

You can also play the dulcimer by strumming the strings with your fingers. To do this, simply use your thumb or index finger to strum the strings up and down.

Once you have mastered the basic techniques of playing the dulcimer, you can start to learn how to play chords and melodies.

Chords for the Mountain Dulcimer

Chords are groups of notes that are played together. Chords can be used to create harmony and accompaniment for melodies.

There are many different chords that can be played on the mountain dulcimer. Some of the most common chords include:

- C major
- G major
- D major
- A minor
- E minor

To learn how to play a chord, simply place your fingers on the strings according to the fingering diagram for that chord. Then, strum or pick the strings to sound the chord.

Melodies for the Mountain Dulcimer

Melodies are sequences of notes that create a tune. Melodies can be played on the mountain dulcimer by picking or strumming the strings in a specific order.

There are many different melodies that can be played on the mountain dulcimer. Some of the most popular melodies include:

- Silent Night
- Deck the Halls
- Jingle Bells
- We Wish You a Merry Christmas
- O Come, All Ye Faithful

To learn how to play a melody, simply find a tablature for the melody. Tablature is a system of notation that shows you which strings to pick or strum and when to do it.

Getting Started

If you're interested in learning to play the mountain dulcimer, there are a few things you'll need to get started:

A mountain dulcimer

- A pick or your fingers
- A tablature book or online resources

Once you have your supplies, you can start learning to play the dulcimer by following the instructions in this book or by finding online lessons or tutorials.

With a little practice, you'll be able to play your favorite Christmas carols on the mountain dulcimer and bring joy to your family and friends during the holiday season.



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