

# Because It Is Christmas Time

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*♩* = 70 *Chorus*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a vocal line with lyrics and piano accompaniment in the right and left hands. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/8. The piece is marked with a tempo of quarter note = 70. The score is divided into several systems. The first system is the Chorus, starting with a repeat sign. The second system includes the lyrics 'Clap! clap! clap! so joy-ous-ly and free, Be - cause it is Christ-mas time.' followed by three numbered verses. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system includes the instruction 'D.C. al Fine' and a triplet of notes. The fifth system is the final ending, also marked with a triplet and a repeat sign.

Joy! joy! joy! So hap - py now are we, Sing! sing! sing! Our hearts are full of glee,

Clap! clap! clap! so joy-ous-ly and free, Be - cause it is Christ-mas time.

1. Lit - tle child - ren,  
2. Christ-mas gifts for  
3. Je - sus comes to

joy - ful sing Prais - es to your Sav - ior King; Let the air with mu - sic ring, This  
great and small, Christ the great - est gift of all; May His bless - ings on us fall This  
bring us peace, From all pain and care re - lease; Ne'er His reign on earth shall cease, Be

*D.C. al Fine*

<sup>(3)</sup>  
hap - py, hap - py Christ - mas time.  
mer - ry, mer - ry, Christ - mas time.  
glad for mer - ry Christ - mas time.