



Wishing you all a very merry Christmas

Rudolph's Rag



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- This is a fun Christmas piece based on the tune Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, in the style of ragtime music.
- Ragtime music was popular in the early 20th century.
- Ragtime music started as dance music first played in American cities like St Louis and New Orleans for people to enjoy dancing to on a night out.
- The most famous composer of ragtime music is Scott Joplin. He wrote a piece called ['Maple Leaf Rag'](#)

Performance

We are going to perform Rudolph's Rag in three groups. Each group will play twice in the piece and then everyone will play one note together at the end. If instruments are not available, there is an alternative body percussion option below.

Instrument examples

- Group 1 woodblocks
- Group 2 egg shakers or maracas
- Group 3 bells, tambourine or tambour

Body Percussion

Two finger hand tap
Tapping knees
Stamping feet

Let's listen to the backing track.

<https://ump.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Christmas-Cancan1.mp3>





Now let's watch it being performed by the
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<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=zA0EfksfoTE&list=PLeTDqF5J6hxs6GylxQhzE37vquSJadeov&index=3>

Now it's your turn to play
along to Rudolph's Rag!

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