

# O Tannenbaum

Westphalian Folk song

F C F Gm C7 F

O, Tan- nen- baum, O Tan- nen- baum, wie treu sind dei- ne Blät- ter! O  
O, Tan- nen- baum, O Tan- nen- baum, du kannst mir sehr ge- fal- len. O

The first system of the score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in 3/4 time and features a melody with eighth and quarter notes. The piano accompaniment is in the same time signature and uses a simple harmonic accompaniment style with chords and moving bass lines.

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The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The vocal line and piano accompaniment maintain the same rhythmic and harmonic structure.

Bb C7 F

grñst nicht nur zur Som- mers- zeit, nein, auch im Win- ter, wenn es schneit. O  
oft hat nicht zur Wei- nachts- zeit ein Baum von dir mich hoch er- freut. O

The third system concludes the piece. The vocal line and piano accompaniment end with a final chord and a sustained note. The piano accompaniment features a more active bass line in this section.

C      F                      Gm      C              F

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### Pronunciation

Oh tah-nen-bowm, oh tah-nen-bowm,  
 vee troy zint die-neh bleh-taw.

Doo groost neekt noor tsoor zoh-mare-tsité,  
 nine, owk een veen-tare, ven ess shnite.

Oh, tah-nen-bowm, oh tah-nen-bowm,  
 doo kahnst mere zare geh-fahl-len.

Vee oaft hot neekt tsoor vie-nahkt-tsité,  
 ine bowm fone deer meek hoke air-froyt.

### English Lyrics

Oh, Tannenbaum, oh Tannenbaum,  
 You tell a joyful story!  
 Oh, Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree,  
 You tell a joyful story!  
 When Nature sleeps in Winter's chill,  
 You bring us tidings of good will.  
 Oh, Tannenbaum, oh, Tannenbaum,  
 You tell a joyful story!

Oh, Tannenbaum, oh Tannenbaum,  
 With you 'tis always springtime.  
 Oh, Tannenbaum, oh Tannenbaum,  
 With you 'tis always springtime.  
 When Christmas bells ring on the air  
 Your spreading boughs are green and fair.  
 Oh, Tannenbaum, oh Tannenbaum,  
 With you 'tis always springtime.