



Encore Tours’  
***Caroling for Dummies:***  
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# *Caroling for Dummies: Tips for Success!*

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1. **Every pitch the director gives you is your starting note** (except We Wish You a Merry Christmas). The director will lead you in every time.
  2. **Watch the director at the ends of every song.** Most likely, the last line of each song will be slowed down.
  3. Group 1 and 2 are split, so **make sure you know which group you belong to.**
  4. **Smile** – interact with the kids if they are there!
  5. ***Have fun!***
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# *Jingle Bells*

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**PITCH:** A

**TENOR/BARITONE/BASS:** Dashing through the snow

In a one-horse open sleigh

O'er the fields we go

Laughing all the way

**ALTOS/SOPRANOS:** Bells on bob tails ring

Making spirits bright

What fun it is to laugh and sing

A sleighing song tonight

**EVERYONE:** Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way

Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh

*(Shouting)* Hey!

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way

Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh

**TENOR/BARITONE/BASS:** A day or two ago, I thought I'd take a ride

And soon Miss Fanny Bright

Was seated by my side

The horse was lean and lank

Misfortune seemed his lot

He got into a drifted bank

And then we got upshot

**EVERYONE:** Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way

Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way

Oh, what fun it is to ride, in a one horse open sleigh

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# *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*

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**PITCH:** C

**Everyone, except when otherwise indicated:**

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer

**Group 2:** (*Reindeer echo*) Had a very shiny nose

And if you ever saw him, you would even say it glows

All of the other reindeer

**Group 2:** (*Reindeer echo*) Used to laugh and call him names

They never let poor Rudolph

**Group 2:** (*Reindeer echo*) Join in any reindeer games

**Group 1:** Then one foggy Christmas Eve, Santa came to say,

**Group 2:** “Rudolph, with your nose so bright, won’t you guide my sleigh tonight?”

Then all the reindeer loved him as they shouted out with glee,

**Group 2:** (*Shouting*) **YIPPEE!**

“Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, you’ll go down in history!”

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# *Deck the Hall*

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**PITCH:** G

**Group 1:** Deck the hall with boughs of holly, fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

**Group 2:** 'Tis the season to be jolly, fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

**Everyone:** Don we now our gay apparel, fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la.

Troll the ancient Yule-tide carol, fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.

**Group 1:** (*Quietly*) See the blazing Yule before us, fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

**Group 2:** (*Loudly*) Strike the harp and join the chorus, fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

**Everyone:** Follow me in merry measure, fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

While I tell of Yule-tide treasure, fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

**Group 1:** Fast away the old year passes, fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

**Group 2:** Hail the new year, lads and lasses, fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

**Everyone:** Sing we joyous, all together, fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

heedless of the wind and weather,

(*Slowing down*) Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

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# *Frosty the Snowman*

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**PITCH:** D

**EVERYONE:** Frosty the snowman

Was a jolly happy soul

With a corn cob pipe and a button nose

And two eyes made out of coal

Frosty the snowman

Is a fairy tale, they say

He was made of snow but the children know

How he came to life one day

*(Softly, then growing louder)* There must have been some magic

In that old silk hat they found

For when they placed it on his head

He began to dance around

*(Loudly)* O, Frosty the snowman

Was alive as he could be

And the children say he could laugh and play

Just the same as you and me

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## *Let It Snow*

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**PITCH:** G

**EVERYONE:** Oh, the weather outside is frightful

But the fire is so delightful

And since we've no place to go

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

It doesn't show signs of stopping

And I brought some corn for popping

The lights are turned way down low

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

When we finally say good night

How I'll hate going out in the storm

But if you really hold me tight

All the way home I'll be warm

The fire is slowly dying

And, my dear, we're still good-bye-ing

But as long as you love me so

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

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# *Jingle Bell Rock*

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**PITCH:** A

**EVERYONE:** Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock

Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring

Snowing and blowing up bushels of fun

Now the jingle hop has begun

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock

Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time

Dancing and prancing in Jingle Bell Square

In the frosty air

**Group 1:** What a bright time

It's the right time

To rock the night away

**Group 2:** Jingle bell time is a swell time

To go gliding in a one-horse sleigh

**EVERYONE:** Giddy-up, jingle horse

Pick up your feet

Jingle around the clock

Mix and a-mingle in the jingling feet

**Group 1:** That's the jingle bell

**Group 2:** That's the jingle bell

**EVERYONE:** That's the jingle bell rock!

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# *Winter Wonderland*

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**PITCH:** C#

**EVERYONE:** Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?

In the lane, snow is glistening

A beautiful sight

We're happy tonight

Walking in a winter wonderland

Gone away is the bluebird

Here to stay is a new bird

He sings a love song, as we go along

Walking in a winter wonderland

In the meadow we can build a snowman

Then pretend that he is Parson Brown

He'll say: Are you married?

We'll say: No man, But you can do the job when you're in town

Later on, we'll conspire, as we dream by the fire

To face unafraid, the plans that we've made

Walking in a winter wonderland

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# *Silver Bells*

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**PITCH:** F

**Group 1:** City sidewalk

Busy sidewalks

Dressed in holiday style

In the air there's a feeling of Christmas.

**Group 2:** Children laughing

People passing

Meeting smile after smile

And on every street corner you'll hear

**EVERYONE:** Silver bells

**Group 2:** (*Echoing*) Silver bells, it's Christmas time in the city

**EVERYONE:** Ring-a-ling

**Group 2:** (*Echoing*) Hear them ring, soon it will be Christmas day

**Group 1:** City street lights, even stop lights

Blink a bright red and green

As the shoppers rush home with their treasures

**Group 2:** Hear the snow crunch

See the kids bunch

This is Santa's big scene

And above all this bustle you'll hear

**EVERYONE:** Silver bells

**Group 2:** (*Echoing*) Silver bells, it's Christmas time in the city

**EVERYONE:** Ring-a-ling

**Group 2:** (*Echoing*) Hear them ring, soon it will be Christmas day

(*Slowing down*) Soon it will be Christmas day

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## *Up on the Housetop*

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**PITCH:** F

**EVERYONE:** Up on the housetop, reindeer pause,

Out jumps good old Santa Claus

Down thru' the chimney with lots of toys,

All for the little ones, Christmas joys

Ho, ho, ho! Who wouldn't go! Ho, ho, ho! Who wouldn't go!

Up on the housetop, click, click, click

Down thru' the chimney with good Saint Nick

First comes the stocking of little Nell,

Oh, dear Santa fill it well

Give her a dolly that laughs and cries

One that will open and shut her eyes.

Ho, ho, ho! Who wouldn't go!

Ho, ho, ho! Who wouldn't go!

Up on the housetop, click, click, click

Down thru' the chimney with good Saint Nick

Next comes the stocking of little Will,

Oh just see what a glorious fill

Here is a hammer and lots of tacks,

Also a ball and a whip that cracks

Ho, ho, ho! Who wouldn't go! Ho, ho, ho! Who wouldn't go!

Up on the housetop, click, click, click

Down thru' the chimney with good Saint Nick

# ***Santa Claus*** ***is Coming to Town***

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**PITCH:** D

**EVERYONE:** You better watch out

You better not cry

Better not pout

I'm telling you why

Santa Claus is coming to town

He's making a list

Checking it twice

Gonna find out who's naughty and nice

Santa Claus is coming to town

He sees you when you're sleeping

He knows when you're awake

He knows if you've been bad or good

So be good for goodness' sake!

O! You better watch out!  
You better not cry  
Better not pout  
I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is coming to town

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# *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*

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**PITCH:** Blow F (*Start a fifth down on C*)

**EVERYONE:** We wish you a merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas

And a happy New Year

Glad tidings we bring to you and your kin

Glad tidings for Christmas and a happy New Year!

We all want some figgy pudding

We all want some figgy pudding

We all want some figgy pudding

So bring it right here!

Glad tidings we bring to you and your kin

Glad tidings for Christmas and a happy New Year!

We won't go until we get some

We won't go until we get some

We won't go until we get some

So bring it out here!

Glad tidings we bring to you and your kin

Glad tidings for Christmas and a happy New Year!

We wish you a merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas

And a (*slower*) happy New Year

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***Happy caroling, everybody!***

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