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We Need a Little Christmas

by Jerry Herman, arr. by David Steinquest
Medium - 2:13 / 15 Players

Instrumentation

Bells, (2) Xylophone, (2) Vibraphone, Chimes,
(2) Marimbas (one 5 octave, parts 1 & 3 can share, parts 2 & 4 can share),
(3) Timpani, Suspended Cymbal, Triangle, Slapstick, Sleigh Bells,
Drum Set, Electric Bass, *optional Vocal*

WE NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS

Music and Lyric by Jerry Herman

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The musical score is arranged in a grand staff format with 15 staves. The instruments and parts are as follows:

- Bells:** Rests throughout.
- Chimes:** Melodic line in treble clef, starting in measure 1.
- Vibraphone 1:** Melodic line in treble clef, starting in measure 3.
- Vibraphone 2:** Melodic line in treble clef, starting in measure 1.
- Xylophone 1:** Rests throughout.
- Xylophone 2:** Rests throughout.
- Marimba 1:** Rests throughout.
- Marimba 2:** Melodic line in treble clef, starting in measure 3.
- Marimba 3:** Bass line in bass clef, starting in measure 1.
- Marimba 4:** Rests throughout.
- Timpani:** Rests throughout.
- Electric Bass:** Rests throughout.
- Drum Set:** Rests throughout.
- Percussion (Triangle, Sleigh Bells, Sus. Cymb., Slapstick):** Rests throughout.
- Vocal:** Rests throughout.

Measure numbers 2, 3, 4, and 5 are indicated at the top of the score. Dynamics such as *f* and *Red.* are present in the vibraphone and marimba parts.

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pg 2

Bells
6 7 8 9 10
f

Chimes

Vibraphone 1

Vibraphone 2

Xylophone 1
A Holly Jolly Christmas
ff

Xylophone 2
A Holly Jolly Christmas
ff

Marimba 1

Marimba 2

Marimba 3

Marimba 4

Timpani
f

Electric Bass
f

Drum Set
crash cymb.
B.D.

Percussion
Triangle
sus. cymbal
f

Vocal

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score for the song 'We Need A Little Christmas'. The page is numbered 'pg 2' and contains 13 staves. The instruments listed are Bells, Chimes, Vibraphone 1, Vibraphone 2, Xylophone 1, Xylophone 2, Marimba 1, Marimba 2, Marimba 3, Marimba 4, Timpani, Electric Bass, Drum Set, Percussion (Triangle, Sus. Cymb., Slapstick), and Vocal. The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music begins at measure 6. The Bells, Chimes, and Vibraphone parts play a simple melody of quarter notes. The Xylophone parts play a more complex melody, including the lyrics 'A Holly Jolly Christmas' in measure 9. The Marimba parts provide harmonic support with sustained notes. The Timpani, Electric Bass, and Drum Set parts provide a steady rhythmic accompaniment. The Percussion parts include a crash cymbal, a triangle, and a suspended cymbal. The Vocal part is currently silent on this page.

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B

Bells
36 37 38 39 40

Chimes

Vibraphone 1

Vibraphone 2

Xylophone 1
Joy to the World

Xylophone 2
Joy to the World

Marimba 1

Marimba 2

Marimba 3

Marimba 4

Timpani
mf

Electric Bass

Drum Set
ride cymb.

Percussion
Sleigh Bells
p *f*

Vocal
For we need a lit - tle Christ - mas Right this ver - y min - ute,

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pg 9

Bells

Chimes

Vibraphone 1

Vibraphone 2

Xylophone 1

Xylophone 2

Marimba 1

Marimba 2

Marimba 3

Marimba 4

Timpani

Electric Bass

Drum Set

Percussion
Triangle
Sleigh Bells
Sus. Cymb.
Slapstick

Vocal

41 42 43 44 45

Here We Come A-Caroling

Joy to the World

mf

mp

Can - dles in the win - dow, Car - ols at the spin - et. Yes we need a lit - tle

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The Twelve Days
of Christmas

F

Bells
91 92 93 94 95
f

Chimes
f

Vibraphone 1
mf

Vibraphone 2
mf

Xylophone 1
mf

Xylophone 2
mf

Marimba 1
ff

Marimba 2
ff

Marimba 3
ff

Marimba 4
mf

Timpani
p *f*

Electric Bass
mf

Drum Set
mf ride cymb.

Percussion
p *f*
Triangle
Sleigh Bells
Sus. Cymb.
Slapstick

Vocal
I need a lit - tle Christ - mas now!

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pg 20

Bells

Chimes

Vibraphone 1

Vibraphone 2

Xylophone 1

Xylophone 2

Marimba 1

Marimba 2

Marimba 3

Marimba 4

Timpani

Electric Bass

Drum Set

Percussion
Triangle
Sleigh Bells
Sus. Cymb.
Slapstick

Vocal

96 97 98 99 100

p

p

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score for the song 'We Need A Little Christmas'. The page is numbered 'pg 20' and contains measures 96 through 100. The score is arranged for a variety of instruments and voices. The top staff is for Bells, followed by Chimes. There are two staves for Vibraphone (1 and 2) and two for Xylophone (1 and 2). Below these are four staves for Marimba (1, 2, 3, and 4). The Timpani part is in the lower middle section, with dynamics markings of *p*. The Electric Bass part is in the lower section. The Drum Set part is in the lower section, with dynamics markings of *p*. The Percussion part includes Triangle, Sleigh Bells, Sus. Cymb., and Slapstick, with dynamics markings of *p*. The Vocal part is at the bottom. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats), and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.