

Tune of the Month: “After Christmas Waltz” composed by Truman Price (District 8)

Our tune of the month was contributed by Truman Price. He wrote it in 2011 after a snowstorm kept his family inside the house just before Christmas. You can hear Truman playing it on his front porch by searching for Truman Price on YouTube or use this link. www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5-eQXbw3vU



The music shown here is the simple version of the melody. But when you hear Truman play it, you can see he adds some complications and nuances that make it a really special tune. The first time through, it is a straight statement. The second time, the A part is having difficulty-- growling, rolling a stone uphill. And the third time, it breaks through into sunshine. He has some harmony parts that aren't shown here but are included in the YouTube video. It is a haunting, beautiful melody written by one of our own OOTFA family.

After Christmas Waltz

The musical score for "After Christmas Waltz" is presented in five staves. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The notes are as follows:

- Staff 1: Dm G Dm
- Staff 2: Am Dm G
- Staff 3: Dm Am Dm Dm Am
- Staff 4: Dm Am Dm
- Staff 5: Dm Am Dm

Measure numbers 7, 14, 21, and 28 are indicated at the beginning of their respective staves. A small blue box with the word "Rectangular" is visible under the second measure of the first staff.