

Joy to the World

Isaac Watts 1719 words
Lowell Mason 1848 musical setting

The musical score is written in D major (two sharps) and 2/4 time. It consists of five staves. The first staff contains the primary melody with chords D, A, D, G, D, A, D written above it. The second staff has chords G, A7, D, D above it. The third staff has chords G, D, G, D above it. The fourth staff has chords D, A above it. The fifth staff has chords D, G, D, A, D above it. The music includes various rhythmic patterns such as quarter notes, eighth notes, and dotted notes, along with arpeggiated chords.

"Joy to the World" is one of the most popular Christmas carols ever. This version has a few arpeggios and chords added.

If you look, and listen, closely, you will notice that the primary melody notes in the first line are a D scale descending from high D to a D one octave below. The third line as a similar D scale, only descending as far as F#, but doing it twice. If you are a beginner who can only play a D scale, "Joy to the World" should not be hard to learn.