

Vocal range:
A3 - D5

It's a Busy, Busy Time of Year

Words and music by
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Conversationally - as if chatting on the phone (using voices!)

3 Hel - lo. I'm fine, and you?

3 Hel - lo. How are you? The same. Do

9 No not real - ly. Too bad. It's

you have time to chat now? That's a shame. I know.

14 aw - ful. But now I must be go - ing and I

We must have a chat real soon.

18 (optional: begin unison here) Unison

thank you dear for phon - ing, it's a bu - sy, bu - sy time of year! It's a

it's a bu - sy, bu - sy time of year!

22 ♩ = 120 In strict tempo

bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy time of year. It's a bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy time of

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year. There is no time for stop - ping, I must

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do my Christ-mas shop - ping and to deck the halls with boughs they must be

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bought and car-ried home. It's a bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy time of year. It's a

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bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy time of year. There is no time for stop - ping, I must

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hang the Christ-mas stock - ings be - fore San - ta and his rein - deer team ap - pear.

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Pass gifts
(see director's score for instructions)

Each year I make a pro - mise to my - self. I'll

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start right af - ter Christ-mas like a Christ - mas elf. But my stam - in - a starts slip - ping as the

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cal - en - dar keeps flip - ping and then sud - den - ly Dec - em - ber comes and here I go!

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It's a bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy time of year. It's a

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bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy time of year. There is no time for stop-ping, I must

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do my Christ-mas shop-ping and to deck the halls with boughs they must be

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bought and car-ried home. It's a bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy time of year. It's a

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bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy time of year. There is no time for stop-ping, I must

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hang the Christ-mas stock-ings. I had bet-ter get in gear, it's a bu - sy time of year. It's a

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bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy time of year. _____

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♩ = 114

Conversationally - as if chatting on the phone (using voices!)

Optional dialogue to accompany actions if pretending to dial a phone

Hel - lo. I'm

"5 - 5 - 5" "1 - 2 - 3 - 4" "send" Hel - lo. How are you?

(Area code)

The first system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is the vocal line, starting with a whole rest followed by a half note 'Hel - lo.' and another whole rest followed by a half note 'I'm'. The middle staff is a vocal line for optional dialogue, featuring rhythmic patterns of 'x' marks and notes corresponding to the lyrics: '# # # (Area code)', '"5 - 5 - 5"', '"1 - 2 - 3 - 4"', '"send"', and 'Hel - lo. How are you?'. The bottom two staves are the piano accompaniment, with a treble and bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 4/4.

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fine, and you? No not real- ly. Too

The same. Do you have time to chat now? That's a shame.

The second system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is the vocal line, starting with a half note 'fine, and you?' followed by a whole rest, then a half note 'No not real- ly.' and another whole rest followed by a half note 'Too'. The middle staff is the vocal line for the second speaker, starting with a whole rest followed by a half note 'The same.', then a half note 'Do you have time to chat now?' and another whole rest followed by a half note 'That's a shame.'. The bottom two staves are the piano accompaniment, with a treble and bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 4/4.

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bad. It's aw-ful. But now I must be go-ing and I
I know. We must have a chat real soon.

18

(Optional: Unison may begin here)

♩ = 120

In strict tempo

thank you dear for phon-ing, it's a bu - sy, bu - sy time of year!
it's a bu - sy, bu - sy time of year!

21

unison

It's a bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy time of year. It's a

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bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy time of year. There is no time for stop - ping, I must

27

do my Christ - mas shop - ping and to deck the halls with boughs they must be

29

bought and car - ried home. It's a bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy time of

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year. It's a bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy time of year. There

34

is no time for stop - ping, I must hang the Christ - mas stock - ings be - fore

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San - ta and his rein - deer team ap - pear.

**During instrumental section:
Singers pass gifts or mime shopping*

NOTE: If NOT including an instrumental section, singers combine bar 37 and bar 53 to become one bar, accompanied by bar 53. Accompanist will play bar 36, then 53, and continue from there.

**Some gift passing options:*

- 1. Front row singers become busy shoppers, with bags of gifts - walk and greet each other. Return to spots to resume singing.*
- 2. Pass wrapped gifts randomly through the entire group; over the shoulder, to the person next to you, etc.*
- 3. Start gifts at specific spots in each row and pass along the row from person to person.*

Whoever has the gift when it is time to resume singing keeps it until the end of the song.

Be animated and excited!

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Each year I make a pro - mise to my -

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self. I'll start right af - ter Christ - mas like a Christ - mas elf. But my

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stam - in - a starts slip - ping as the cal - en - dar starts flip - ping and then

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sud - den - ly Dec - em - ber comes and here I go!

63

It's a bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy time of year. It's a bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy time of

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year. There is no time for stop - ping, I must do my Christ - mas shop - ping and to

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deck the halls with boughs they must be bought and car ried home. It's a bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy time of

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year. It's a bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy time of year. There

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is no time for stop - ping, I must hang the Christ - mas stock - ings. I had bet - ter get in gear, it's a

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bu - sy time of year. It's a bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy,

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bu - sy, bu - sy, bu - sy time of year. _____

It's a Busy, Busy Time of Year

Hello.

Hello. How are you?

I'm fine, and you?

The same. Do you have time to chat now?

No not really.

That's a shame.

Too bad.

I know.

It's awful.

We must have a chat real soon.

But now I must be going and I thank you dear for phoning,

It's a busy, busy time of year.

It's a busy, busy, busy time of year.

It's a busy, busy, busy time of year.

There is no time for stopping, I must do my Christmas shopping

And to deck the halls with boughs they must be bought and carried home.

It's a busy, busy, busy time of year.

It's a busy, busy, busy time of year.

There is no time for stopping, I must hang the Christmas stockings

Before Santa and his reindeer team appear.

Instrumental

Each year I make a promise to myself.

I'll start right after Christmas like a Christmas elf.

But my stamina starts slipping as the calendar keeps flipping

And then suddenly December comes and here I go!

It's a busy, busy, busy time of year.

It's a busy, busy, busy time of year.

There is no time for stopping, I must do my Christmas shopping

And to deck the halls with boughs they must be bought and carried home.

It's a busy, busy, busy time of year.

It's a busy, busy, busy time of year.

There is no time for stopping, I must hang the Christmas stockings.

I had better get in gear, it's a busy time of year.

It's a busy, busy, busy, busy, busy, busy, busy time of year!

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