

# Skill Building Solo, 22 strings, C-c Hymn to Saint Nicholas

in memory of Ann  
who sang this so beautifully

not fast, gently

Traditional Dutch  
arranged by Barbara Ann Fackler

The musical score is written in 6/8 time and consists of three systems. Each system has a treble staff with a melody line and a bass staff with a harmonic accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the treble staff. Fingerings are marked with numbers 1, 2, and 3. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

System 1: Chords C, Dm, Em, G, C, Dm. Lyrics: Saint Ni-cho-las lived in a

System 2: Chords G, C, Dm, G, C. Lyrics: land far a-way; A warm heart-ed Bi-shop, the peo-ple did say. While

System 3: Chords G, C, Dm, G, C, C, Dm, G, C. Lyrics: still a young per-son his par-ents both died; His for-tune-he shared with the poor far and wide.

2) The Bishop of Myra he soon was proclaimed;  
For prayer, holy life and good works he was famed.  
The good friend of children, he cared for their need;  
The sick and imprisoned he aided and freed.

3) He gave three young women a dowry of gold,  
To help them find husbands to have and to hold.  
Through his life shone Christ's life, and thus we proclaim:  
Dear Nicholas, help us who honor your name.

A more difficult arrangement of this was published in the Folk Harp Journal in 2011. Try this if you are more of a beginner, build your skills, then try the version from 2011 again.

If you are singing the verses, you can skip the intro on repeats if you like. If you'd like a coda, repeat the intro at the end. For an easy solo version, repeat the second time in a different octave if your harp has enough strings.

Text: Charles William Polm

Tune: Traditional Dutch (Zie Ginds Komt de Stoomboot)