

Up on the Housetop

Standard Dulcimer Solo; Banjo-Dulcimer Solo
and Duet

Christmas Song
Benjamin Hanby, 1864
Arr. MH Samuels, 2025

VERSE:

Standard Dulcimer

Banjo Dulcimer

1 .Up on the house-top rein-deer pause, Out jumps good old San-ta Claus;

Down through the chim'ny with lots of toys, All for the li'le ones Christ-mas joys.

REFRAIN:

9 Ho, ho, ho, Who wouldn't go? Ho, ho, ho, Who wouldn't go? ____

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13 ² D0 ³ G0 ² D0 ¹ A1 ⁰ D0

Up on the house-top, click, click, click, Down through the chimney with good St. Nick.

13 0 3 3 3 0 1 1 0
3 3 3 3 0 0 0
4 4 5 4 2 3 4 5 4 4 5 4 2 1 4 0

7 7 8 7 5 5 6⁺ 7 8 7 7 8 7 5 4 4 7 3
(4)

2. First comes the stocking of little Nell
Ol' dear Santa fill it well,
Give her a dolly that laughs and cries,
One that can open and shut its eyes.

Repeat Refrain.

3. Look in the stocking of little Bill,
Oh, just see what a glourious fill,
Here is a hammer and lots of backs,
A whistle and a ball and a whip that cracks.

Repeat Refrain.

Playing Notes:

Standard Dulcimer: Melody notes are all on melody string (bottom tab line) of standard dulcimer. Play melody notes only or add harmony notes on middle and bass strings (top tab line).
Strum across all the strings; hold frets down until next tab change.

Banjo-Dulcimer: Melody notes are all on middle string. Play melody notes only or add harmony notes shown on bass string.
Pick and strum across all strings or fingerpick across the strings.

Chords: Chords are shown above standard staff (bass to melody strings). Play with either dulcimer (standard or banjo-dulcimer).