

Don't Wait 'Til the Night Before Christmas to Be Good

Christmas Novelty Song for Children's Chorus

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Allegro

Piano

8^{va}

(Ad lib up one octave)
mf

5 All:

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All year long in the moun-tains lives an old man they say. He

8^{va}

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wraps up bun - dles with rib - bons just to give them a - way.

8^{va}

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All year long in the moun-tains he looks down to see:

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PERFORMANCE TIME: approx. 2:30 min.

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17 Boys: Girls: All: Boy solo:

Kids that are bad and kids that are good. And treats them ac-cord - ing - ly. If

17 *rit.*

21 *a tempo* All:

you want toys, like all the o - ther boys in your neigh - bor - hood, Then

21 *a tempo*

25 Girl solo:

don't wait 'til the night be-fore Christ - mas to be good. And

25 *8va*

29 All:

dolls with curls are for the lit - tle girls who do the things they should. Then

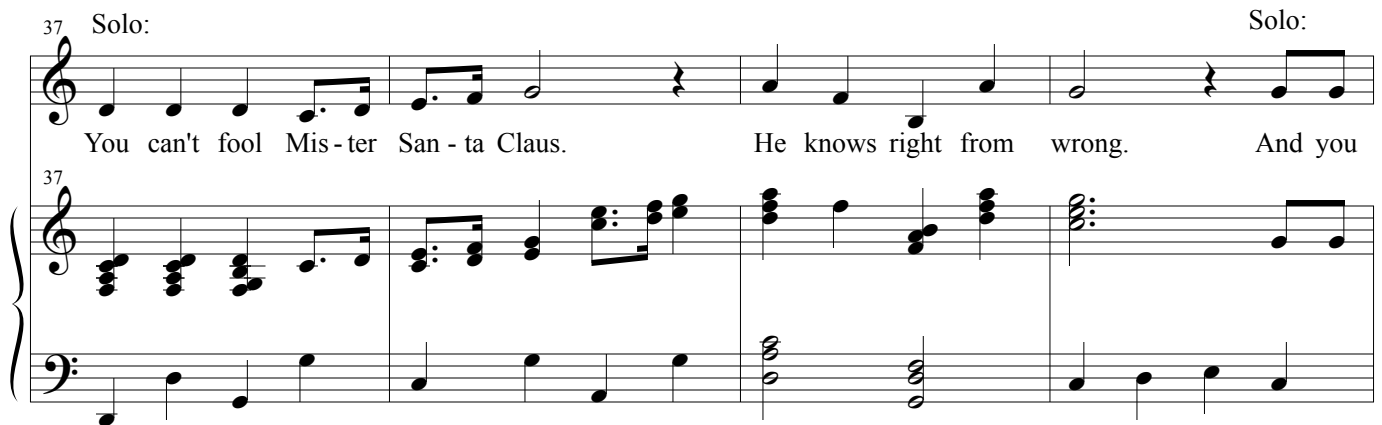
29 *8va*

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don't wait 'til the night be - fore Christ - mas to be good.

37 Solo: Solo:



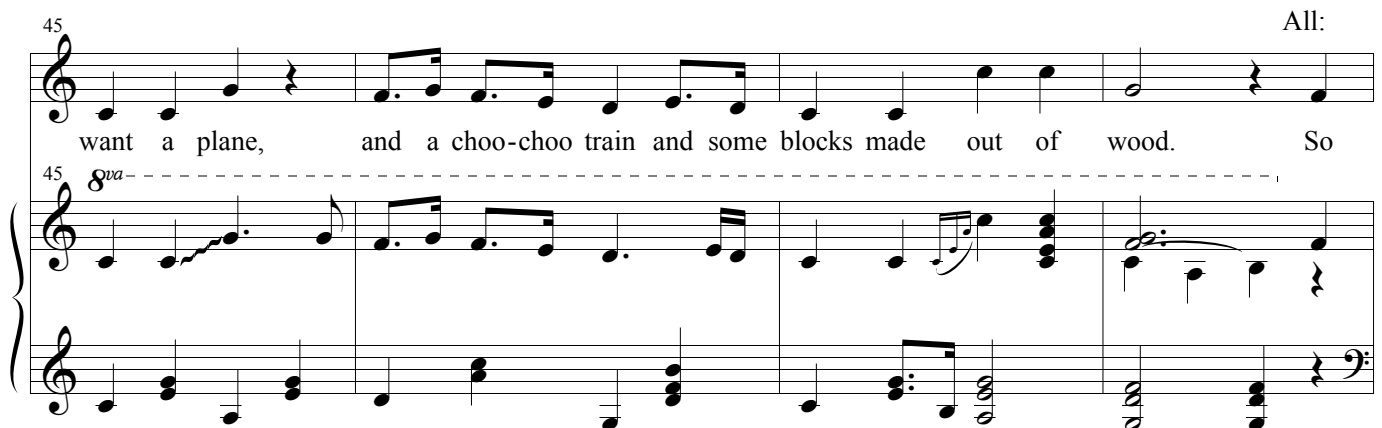
You can't fool Mis - ter San - ta Claus. He knows right from wrong. And you

41 Boy solo:



can't be right for just one night. You've got to be right right a - long. I

45 All:



want a plane, and a choo-choo train and some blocks made out of wood. So

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don't wait 'til the night be-fore Christ - mas to be good.

53 Solo: All:

San - ta Claus has a big book that helps him to re - mem - ber. He can

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tell each kid the things they did from Jan - u - ar - y to De - cem - ber.

61 Solo: All:

Jin - gle-bells ne - ver jin - gle for the ve - ry bad ones. On

65
Christ-mas Day, the good ones play, but the bad ones are the sad ones. You'd

rit.

69 *a tempo*
like to see an - o - ther Christ-mas tree where the old one stood. So

69 *8va*

8va

73
don't wait 'til the night be-fore Christ - mas to (ssh!) be (ssh!)

73 *8va*

(spoken:)
good! (Mer - ry Christ - mas!)

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