

# The magpie sat on the pear-tree top

*Traditional English Christmas carol*

Musical notation for the first section of the carol, featuring two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in 6/8 time with a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of eighth notes.

1. The mag - pie sat on the pear - tree top, The  
2. I'll lay her a crown I'll fetch her down, I'll

Musical notation for the second section of the carol, continuing from the first. The staves remain the same: treble clef for the top and bass clef for the bottom. The time signature changes to common time (indicated by a 'C'). The melody continues with eighth notes.

1. pear - tree top, The pear - tree top; The mag - pie sat on the  
2. fetch her down, I'll fetch her down; I'll lay her a crown I'll

Musical notation for the third section of the carol, continuing from the second. The staves remain the same: treble clef for the top and bass clef for the bottom. The time signature changes back to 6/8. The melody continues with eighth notes.

1. pear - tree top, On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing.  
2. fetch her down, On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing.

Musical notation for the fourth section of the carol, continuing from the third. The staves remain the same: treble clef for the top and bass clef for the bottom. The time signature changes back to 6/8. The melody continues with eighth notes.