

Breaking Up Christmas

Traditional

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G (A)

Musical notation for measures 1-6. The staff shows a 2/4 time signature. Measure 1 has a 1/4 rest. Measures 2-6 contain various chords and notes, including a half note (H) in measure 3 and a 1/4 note in measure 6. Fingering numbers 0, 1, 3, 5, 2, 4, 5 are present.

1. D7 (E7) G (A)

2. D7 (E7) G (A)

Musical notation for measures 7-11. Measure 7 starts with a 3/4 rest. Measures 8-11 contain various chords and notes, including a half note (H) in measure 8 and a 1/4 note in measure 11. Fingering numbers 0, 3, 5, 0, 1, 5, 0, 2, 4, 3, 8, 8, 10, 9, 2, 0, 1 are present.

D7 (E7) G (A)

Musical notation for measures 12-16. Measures 12-16 contain various chords and notes, including a 2/4 rest in measure 12 and a 2/4 note in measure 16. Fingering numbers 0, 2, 0, 0, 2, 0, 2, 0, 2, 0, 2, 0, 2, 0, 2, 0, 2, 4 are present.



1. D7 (E7) G (A)

2. D7 (E7) G (A)

Up the neck break

Musical notation for measures 17-21. Measures 17-21 contain various chords and notes, including a 2/4 rest in measure 17 and a 2/4 note in measure 21. Fingering numbers 0, 2, 0, 2, 0, 2, 0, 2, 4, 0, 7, 0, 0, 4, 0, 7, 0, 13, 15, 15, 16 are present.

Musical notation for measures 22-26. Measures 22-26 contain various chords and notes, including a half note (H) in measure 22 and a 1/4 note in measure 26. Fingering numbers 15, 17, 14, 16, 13, 15, 15, 16, 12, 14, 14, 13, 15, 15, 16, 16, 17, 15, 17, 14, 16, 15 are present.

1. D7 (E7) G (A)

2. D7 (E7) G (A)

Musical notation for measures 27-31. Measures 27-31 contain various chords and notes, including a half note (H) in measure 27 and a 1/4 note in measure 31. Fingering numbers 17, 17, 15, 14, 12, 12, 12, 13, 12, 12, 14, 9, 10, 9, 12, 10, 12, 10, 9 are present.

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D7 (E7) G (A)

1. D7 (E7) G (A) | 2. D7 (E7) G (A) ⊕ D7 (EG (A)

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This tune comes from the legendary Round Peak fiddlers Tommy Jarrell (1901-1985) and Benton Flippen (1920-2011), and was customarily played for dance parties that families would host in their homes in the weeks between Christmas and New Years. There are some lyrics that go along with the tune:

Hoo-ray Jake and Hoo-ray John,
Breakin' Up Christmas all night long.

Way back yonder a long time ago
The old folks danced the do-si-do.

Way down yonder alongside the creek
I seen Santy Claus washin' his feet.

Santa Claus come, done and gone,
Breakin' Up Christmas right along.