

Wonderful Christmastime chords by Paul McCartney

Difficulty: intermediate

Tuning: E A D G B E

Capo: 2nd fret

Key: B

CHORDS

Wonderful Christmastime - Paul McCartney

Written by: Paul McCartney

Now a bonus track on disc 2 of the reissue of "McCartney II"

Tabbed by: maguri

Tuning: Standard

This may look difficult at first but it is worth the effort. Check out my demo recording of this tab here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/71jyp0ikbqbrx3f/PaulMcCartneyDemoWonderfulChristmastime.mp3>

Here's my GuitarPro file of the song which includes the solo and the "Ding dong" harmonies:

http://plus.ultimate-guitar.com/p/paul_mccartney/wonderful_christmas_time_tab_online.html#131119

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The tabs in PJVillanueva's excellent tab of this song reproduce the keyboard voicings perfectly:

http://www.ultimate-guitar.com/tabs/p/paul_mccartney/wonderful_christmas_time_tab.htm

But I found it hard to accompany myself singing this song and simultaneously playing the chords on the higher frets. If you have the same problem this might be a solution:

[Verse]

E-A-D-G-B-e
 Amaj7 x-0-6-6-5-x or x-0-2-1-2-0
 A6 x-0-4-2-2-x
 E/A x-0-2-1-0-0

"Ding dong" part #1

E-A-D-G-B-e
 A7 x-0-2-0-2-x
 A6 x-0-4-2-2-x
 A x-0-2-2-2-x
 D6 x-x-0-4-3-2

[Chorus]/[Solo]

The chords in the chorus and in the solo are not easy to play. But it is possible to leave all the jazzy options aside and play them straight. If you want to hear the voicings of the original, however, here are some suggestions:

E-A-D-G-B-e
 Bm7 x-2-4-2-3-2
 E9 0-2-0-1-0-2
 C#m7 x-4-6-4-5-4
 F#m9 2-4-2-2-2-4
 D x-x-0-2-3-5
 G9 3-5-3-4-3-5 or 3-x-0-2-0-1
 A x-0-2-2-2-0

[Coda]

Amaj7 x-0-6-6-5-x
 Bm/A x-0-4-4-3-x
 A x-0-2-2-2-x
 Amaj7* x-0-7-6-5-4 or (easier) x-0-2-1-2-0
 Amaj13 x-0-6-6-7-7 or (easier) x-0-2-1-0-2

[Intro]

A Amaj7 A F#m/A A E/A A A
 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +
 e|-----4-----|-----5-----|-----7-----|-----9-----|
 B|-----5-----|-----7-----|-----9-----|-----10-----|
 G|-----6-----|-----6-----|-----9-----|-----9-----|
 D|-----7-----|-----7-----|-----9-----|-----9-----|
 A|0-----0-----|0-----0-----|0-----0-----|0-----0-----|
 E|-----0-----|-----0-----|-----0-----|-----0-----|

Bm7 E9 C#m7 F#m9 D5 G9 A Bm7 E9 C#m7 F#m9 D5 G9 A
 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +
 e|2---2---4---4---|5---5---0-----|2---2---4---4---|5---5---0-----|
 B|3---0---5---2---|3---3---2-----|3---0---5---2---|3---3---2-----|
 G|2---1---4---2---|2---4---2-----|2---1---4---2---|2---4---2-----|
 D|4---0---6---2---|0---3---2-----|4---0---6---2---|0---3---2-----|
 A|2---2---4---4---|---5---0-----|2---2---4---4---|---5---0-----|
 E|---0---2---2---|---3-----|---0-----2---|---3-----|

[Intro] (see above)

A Amaj7	A F#m/A
A E/A	A A
Bm7 E9 C#m7 F#m9	D G9 A
Bm7 E9 C#m7 F#m9	D G9 A

[Verse]

Amaj7

The mood is right

A6

The spirits up

E/A

We're here tonight

A

And that's enough

[Chorus]

Bm7 E9 C#m7 F#m9

Simply ha- ving

D G9 A

A wonderful Christmastime

Bm7 E9 C#m7 F#m9

Simply ha- ving

D G9 A

A wonderful Christmastime

[Verse]

Amaj7

The party's on

A6

The feeling's here

E/A

That only comes

A

This time of year

[Chorus]

Bm7 E9 C#m7 F#m9

Simply ha- ving

D G9 A

A wonderful Christmastime

Bm7 E9 C#m7 F#m9

Simply ha- ving

D G9 A

A wonderful Christmastime

[Middle 8]

A Bm7 E [A]

The choir of children sing their song

| **A** | **Bm7 E** |

(synth)

A7 A6 A A/C#

Ding, dong, ding, dong

A7 A6 A D

Ding, dong, ding, uuuuuuuuuuh

D6 D A

Uuuuuuuuuuh Duh duh duh duh duh duh duh

[Interlude]
| **Amaj7** | **A6** | **E/A** | **A** |
(electric guitar)

[Chorus]
Bm7 E9 C#m7 F#m9
Simply ha- ving
D G9 A
A wonderful Christmastime
Bm7 E9 C#m7 F#m9
Simply ha- ving
D G9 A
A wonderful Christmastime

[Verse]
Amaj7
The word is out
A6
About the town
E/A
So lift your glass
A
Oh, and don't look down

[Chorus]
Bm7 E9 C#m7 F#m9
Simply having
D G9 A
A wonderful Christmastime

[Middle 8]
A Bm7 E [A]
The choir of children sing their song
A Bm7 E
They practiced all year long
A
Ding, dong, ding, dong,
E
Ding, dong, ding, dong,
A E7
Ding, dong, ding, dong,
E7 [Amaj7]
Ding, dong, ding, dong

[Verse]
Amaj7
The party's on
A6
The spirits up
E/A
We're here tonight
A
And that's enough

[Chorus]
Bm7 E9 C#m7 F#m9
Simply ha- ving
D G9 A
A wonderful Christmastime

Bm7 E9 C#m7 F#m9
Simply ha- ving
D G9 A
A wonderful Christmastime

[Solo]

| **Bm7 E9 C#m7 F#m9** |
| **D G9 D G9** |
2/4
| **D G9 C#m7 F#m9** | **C#m7 F#m9** |
| **Bm7 E9 C#m7 F#m9** |
| **D G9 A** |

[Verse]

Amaj7
The mood is right
A6
The spirits up
E/A
We're here tonight
A
And that's enough (ooh, ooh, ooh)

[Chorus]

Bm7 E9 C#m7 F#m9
Simply ha- ving
D G9 A
A wonderful Christmastime
Bm7 E9 C#m7 F#m9
Simply ha- ving
D G9 A
A wonderful Christmastime
Bm7 E9 C#m7 F#m9
Simply ha- ving
D G9 A
A wonderful Christmastime

[Coda]

Amaj7 Bm/A A Bm/A
Oh, oh, oh, oh
Amaj7 Bm/A A
Oh, oh, oh
E | **Amaj7*** | % | **Amaj13**
For Christmastime