

From: "Mame [Original Cast]"

We Need a Little Christmas

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WE NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS

from *MAME*

Music and Lyrics by
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Bright Polka tempo

The musical score is presented in three systems. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics, a piano accompaniment, and guitar chord diagrams. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The first system is an instrumental introduction. The second system contains the first two lines of lyrics. The third system contains the final line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, characteristic of a polka. The guitar chords are indicated by letters and numbers above the staff, with diagrams showing the fingerings on the strings.

System 1: A7, D7, *mf*

System 2: G, G6, Gmaj7, *mp-mf*

System 3: G6, G, G6, Gmaj7, G6, Dm6, E7, E7:9, Am7, D7

Lyrics:
Haul out the hol - ly,
climb down the chim - ney,
put up the tree be - fore my
turn on the bright - est string of
spir - it falls a - gain; fill up the
lights I've ev - er seen. Slice up the

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Am

Am7

D7

Am7

stock - ing, I may be rush - ing
fruit - cake; it's time we hung some

Am7^{b5}

D7

things, but deck the halls a - gain
tin - sel on that ev - er - green

Dm6

E7

Am6

E7

now. For we
bough. For I've
For we

Am

D7

G

Gmaj7

G6

G+

G

need a lit - tle Christ - mas, right this ver - y min - ute,
grown a lit - tle lean - er, grown a lit - tle cold - er,
need a lit - tle mu - sic, need a lit - tle laugh - ter,

Am D7 G Gmaj7 G6 G7

can - dles in the win - dow, car - ols at the spin - et. Yes, we
 grown a lit - tle sad - der, grown a lit - tle old - er. And I
 need a lit - tle sing - ing ring - ing through the raft - er. And we

C D7 G Gmaj7 G6 To Coda ⊕

need a lit - tle Christ - mas, right this ver - y min - ute, it
 need a lit - tle an - gel, sit - ting on my shoul - der, I
 need a lit - tle snap - py "hap - py ev - er af - ter," we

1 A7 D7 2 Am

has - n't snowed a sin - gle flur - ry, but San - ta, dear, we're in a hur - ry. So need a lit - tle

D.S. al Coda

D9 D7 G

Christ - mas now!

Coda ⊕ Am D9 D7 G

need a lit - tle Christ - mas now! _____