

A merry Christmas (1935)
arranged by **Arthur Warrell** (1882–1939)

Arthur Warrell was organist and choirmaster at several prestigious churches in Bristol, a port city in the west of England. This same region is the source for the present traditional carol, which is well known for its refrain, “We wish you a merry Christmas.” Warrell’s quicksilver arrangement is his only work frequently heard today, and its popularity is largely due to its inclusion in *Carols for Choirs*. Perhaps his version inspired a rather later rendition by the Muppets, with Animal’s insistent demand: “Won’t go!” Did anyone bring figgy pudding?

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