

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

E minor · 4/4 · melody with note names

Key E minor (one sharp: F#) **Range** D4 to E5

Words Traditional English; earliest printed edition about 1760, popularised by William Sandys in 1833

Music Traditional English melody; Wikipedia: earliest printed edition appears to be a fortepiano rondo by Samuel Wesley, reviewed in 1815

Staff 1: E E B B A G F# E D E F# G A

Staff 2: B B C A B C D E B A G E F# G

Staff 3: A G A B C B B A G F# E G F# E

Staff 4: A G A B C D E B A G F# E

Scale of E minor E F# G A B C D i Em: E G B iv Am: A C E

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