

Gathered Round the Christmas Tree Song Map

Use this song map to help you understand the structure of the song. The words **highlighted** indicate where the pulse falls.

Song Structure

Lyrics and foot movements

Verse 1

When you're **feeling** in a **festive mood**
 R R L L
 Just **forget** about the **festive food**
 R R L L
 Now we're **really** going to **party dude** It's
 R R L L
Christmas!
 R R L L
 Got no **money** for a **chocolate treat**
 R R L L
 Got no **candy** and we've **got** no **sweets**
 R R L L
 But with **everybody** **nothing beats** a
 R R L L
Christmas! It's
 R R L L

Chorus

Christmas
 - together we're gonna be
 Christmas
 - forever a family
 Christmas
 - gather round the Christmas tree!

Dance moves

Gentle stamp: right-right-left-left throughout the verse (add gentle arm movements and even slight shoulder turns as the song becomes more familiar)

Freeze!
 Move
 Freeze!
 Move
 Freeze!
 Move

These movements are designed to emphasise the sense of pulse running throughout the song. Using physical actions allows the pulse to be 'felt' throughout the body.

This develops attentive listening - and as a result, anticipation. Waiting for the word 'Christmas', and becoming familiar with the action ('freeze!') associated with it, increases engagement with the activity.

Verse 2

Growing **up** you know we **had** things **tough**

R R L L

Couldn't **always** get the **latest stuff**

R R L L

But a **family** is **just enough** for

R R L L

Christmas

R R L L

Where it **gets** to be kind of **Christ-massy**,

R R L L

When we **gather** round a **Christmas tree**

R R L L

I'm as **happy** as a **Dad** can **be** at

R R L L

Christmas!

R R L L

Chorus

Christmas

- together we're gonna be

Christmas

- forever a family

Christmas

- gather round the Christmas tree!

Bridge

When **sleigh** bells **ring** and **choirs** **sing** it **must**
be **Christmas Day!**

It **feels** so **great** to **cele-brate**
in the usual Crimble way!

Gentle stamp: right-right-left-left
throughout the verse, in the same
pattern as for V1

Freeze!

Move

Freeze!

Move

Freeze!

Move

Bend knees slightly on each beat so
that you move downwards.

Stand back up

Bend knees on each beat

Stand up and get ready to stamp

Repeating a familiar
action consolidates
the sense of pulse and
increases confidence
in the individual. Also,
returning to this action
signals a return to the
same melodic material
- the verse - in the
structure of the song.

Verse 3

Yes it gets us kind of Christmassy,
When we gather round the Christmas tree,
We're as happy as a kid can be at Christmas
— It's

Chorus

as above

Chorus

as above

Coda

Around the Christmas Tree!

Freeze on “Tree!”
Jump/shout/clap to finish

