

## Christmas Packet

By Victor Pavao

1. **Victor Young used this piece’s melody in the score for *Streets of Laredo*. This song unusually modulates from the I chord to the minor IV chord at the beginning of its second section, which is often omitted from vocal arrangements. At the beginning of this piece, the trumpets play the *descending* line quarter-note F, eighth notes C—B-flat, low quarter-note (\*) F, followed by ascending quarter notes Bb—C. The composer of this piece also composed “Blue Tango” and “The Syncopated Clock.” This piece’s percussion section calls for temple blocks and a slapstick, meant to represent a whip. The highest charting version of this song was produced by Phil Spector and sung by the Ronettes. For 10 points—name this song that begins “Just hear those sleigh bells jingling, ring ting tingling too...”**

ANSWER: “**Sleigh Ride**”

<Music>

2. **A tradition from Burgundy involves hiding gifts underneath one of these locations. Jacob Grimm observed similarities between these items and those used in the Slavic *budnik* practice. A tradition among Baltic peoples involves “pulling” these structures through the center of a village. These items are alternatively called (\*) “Christmas Blocks,” and name a chocolate sponge cake popular in France called *bûche de Noël*. In olden times, these structures were usually burnt for several days, starting on Christmas Eve. For 10 points—name these wooden structures popular in European Christmas traditions, appropriated from Germanic Pagans.**

ANSWER: **yule log**

<Tradition>

3. **A 2007 film featuring these two characters begins with one of them traveling to New York City to watch the Christmas ballet, accompanied by his nephew Tuffy. That film is subtitled “A Nutcracker Tale.” One of these two characters slaps a stamp onto the other’s lips before being (\*) chased out into the snow overnight. Those events appear in a 1941 short film that ends when one of these characters is gifted cheese in a mouse trap that does not snap. For 10 points, name this cat-and-mouse duo that appear in several Hanna-Barbera film shorts.**

ANSWER: **Tom** and **Jerry**

<TV/Film>

4. **This Christmas song was original titled “He Pone and Chocolate Tea,” until its lyrics were changed at the suggestion of Walter Schumann. In 1957, Harry Belafonte released the first hit version of *this* song, which was written by Jester Hairston. A group that recorded this song also topped the UK chart the same year with (\*) “Rivers of Babylon.” That 1978 disco version of this song enters into a medley**

with “Oh My Lord” after modulating up a half step. This song states “And man will live forever more, because of Christmas day.” For 10 points—name this Christmas song most famously recorded by Boney M.

ANSWER: “Mary’s Boy Child”

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5. **In this country, Christmas services begin with congregants walking around the church three times in a solemn procession, each one holding a candle. Christians in this country fast all day on Christmas Eve, and wear a thin, white cotton wrap called a *netela* on Christmas day. Christians in this country celebrate a holiday twelve days later called (\*) Timkat. One might eat sourdough bread called *injera* accompanied by a stew called *wat* while celebrating Ganna, the word for Christmas in this country’s language of Amharic. For 10 points—name this country where Christians might celebrate Christmas in Addis Ababa.**

ANSWER: Ethiopia

<Tradition>

6. **Some scholars argue that Henry Livingston, Jr was the actual author of this poem, claiming its attributed author hated tobacco. The narrator of this poem describes how he “Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash,” upon hearing noise coming from the (\*) lawn. This poem describes a figure whose “clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.” This poem, which was first published in 1823, describes how “not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.” For 10 points—name this Clement Clarke Moore poem whose first line begins “Twas the night before Christmas.**

ANSWER: “A Visit from St. Nicholas” (accept “‘Twas The Night Before Christmas”

before mention)

<Literature>

7. **A beverage popular on Christmas in this country is a modified white Russian that includes cloves and aguardiente. The name of that drink, *cola de mono*, probably comes from the nickname of this country’s president Pedro Montt. Another beverage from this country (\*) mixes pineapple sherbet and champagne. A cake eaten during Christmastime, Pan de Pascua, also names a territory this country controls in the Pacific Ocean. For 10 points—name this country where people celebrate Christmas in Antofagasta and Santiago.**

ANSWER: Chile

<Tradition>

8. **In a 1990 film, Robert Carradine plays this character as he assists Rachel Logan and her son, Brent. This character states “You should read the new book Mark Twain’s writing now,” while drying off his copy of *Tom Sawyer*, which he carries around. In one scene, this character angers a bartender by attempting to order (\*) flaming rum punch. This character, who is played by Henry Travers, first appears while**

drying off in the tollhouse keeper's shack. This character shows another character what it would be like if he had never been born. For 10 points—name this character that saves George Bailey from suicide in *It's a Wonderful Life*.

ANSWER: Clarence Odbody

<TV/Film>

9. **A blight beginning in 1904 reduced the popularity of these goods in the United States. In Korea, these items are called *gunbam*, and vendors of them often wear an *ushanka* hat. In Modena, these goods are often dipped in wine before consumption, and a French dessert called *marron glacé* involves candying these (\*) goods. Around Christmas, many European cities have street carts that roast and sell these entities. For 10 points—name this popular winter street food during that is often “roasted on an open fire.”**

ANSWER: chestnuts

<Tradition>

10. **This group was the first to record a Christmas song that begins “People making lists, buying special gifts.” Several of this group’s songs were co-produced by an assemblage known as The Corporation. This group recorded the most famous version of a Tommie Connor song that states “She didn’t see me (\*) creep, ‘round the stairs to have a peek.” On the track “Christmas Won’t Be the Same,” a member of this group, Jermaine, laments a recent break up. For 10 points—name this group of brothers that recorded “Give Love On Christmas Day” and “I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus.”**

ANSWER: The Jackson 5

<Music>

11. **In Styrian tradition, this figure is sometimes described as having two companions. This figure is sometimes described as having a female counterpart, Perchta, and is usually depicted wearing rusty chains. In Croatian tradition, this figure leaves children a silver (\*) branch. This figure is usually offered *schnapps*, and carries *ruten*, or bundles of birch branches, and is depicted as a horned being resembling a demonic goat. For 10 points—name this evil counterpart of St. Nicholas, popular in Alpine folklore.**

ANSWER: Krampus

<Tradition>

12. **According to tradition, the *kappelmeister* of Cologne Cathedral was the first to create these items, in an attempt to quiet noisy children down. These items were first mass produced in the 1950s after the invention of the Keller machine, and were first sold in the United States by Bob’s (\*) Candies. Like the Swedish confection *polkagris*, these items are stick-like. For 10 points—name these peppermint-flavored candies that are shaped like shepherd’s hooks.**

ANSWER: candy canes

<Other>

**13. A Christmas tradition from this state originally involved stacking pine boughs in a cube shape and igniting it for 9 days. An event in this state’s largest city called the River of Lights takes place at its BioPark Botanic Garden. This state’s residents first created the Christmas cookies (\*) *biscochitos*. Lights placed with sand in paper bags decorate locations like Jemez Historic Site in this state. Almost 30,000 of those items, called *luminarias*, decorate San Juan College in this state’s city of Farmington. For 10 points—name this state that derives many of its Christmas traditions from the Spanish, who built its capital of Santa Fe.**

ANSWER: New Mexico

<Tradition>

**14. An obscure Christmas song by Marvin Gaye that begins “Softly they fall, where do they go?” has this adjective in its title. It’s not red, but Romans traditionally decorated their homes in this color during Saturnalia. A typical Advent wreath has (\*) three candles of this color, which is also the color of the clergy’s vestments during Advent in the Catholic Church. For 10 points, a Roman man wearing a *toga praetexta* during Saturnalia would have one stripe of what color on his toga?**

ANSWER: purple

<Other>

**15. A Christmas song from this tradition implores “Leave your sheep, and leave your lambs.” John Wesley Work compiled songs from this tradition, one of which states “Down in a lowly manger, our humble Christ was born.” Odetta recorded a (\*) 1960 album consisting entirely of songs from this tradition. “Children, Go Where I Send Thee” comes from this tradition, many songs of which were recorded by the Fisk Jubilee Singers. For 10 points—“Rise Up, Shepherd” and “Go Tell it on the Mountain” come from what African-American musical tradition?**

ANSWER: gospel (accept spiritual)

<Music>

**16. In Galicia, this food is covered in *ajada* sauce. A Basque dish popular on Christmas Eve unusually involves cooking this food with peppers and capers. It’s not goat cheese, but the Navarran *piquillo* peppers are stuffed with this fish in a popular tapas dish. Per tradition, there are over 1,000 ways to prepare this fish in (\*) Portuguese cooking, where this meat is often consumed with potatoes and *vinho verde* on Christmas Eve. This meat has been recently imported to Iberian countries from the North Sea, after overfishing has destroyed stocks in the Grand Banks. For 10 points—name this fish known in Portuguese as *bacalau*.**

ANSWER: salted cod (prompt on fish)

<Tradition>

**17. In 2012, *The Village Voice* detailed Charles Mingus’s recipe for this drink, describing how it will “knock you on your ass.” George Washington allegedly served**

**his guests a variant of this drink that contained rye whiskey. In 1826, Sylvanus Thayer expelled a number of cadets from (\*) West Point Academy after multiple students smuggled in the ingredients to make this drink. This drink is similar in flavor to both the Dutch liqueur *advocaat* and the Tom and Jerry cocktail. For 10 points—name this beverage whose recipes usually call for heavy cream, bourbon, nutmeg, and raw eggs.**

ANSWER: **egg nog**

<Other>

- 18. This group’s cover of “O Little Town of Bethlehem” substitutes the final I chord with a Gbmaj7-5. Lowe’s holds exclusive rights to sell this band’s compilation album *Trimming the Tree*. This band, which was founded by Chip Davis, releases all their albums on the Omaha-based label (\*) American Gramophone. All of this band’s non-Christmas themed albums are partially titled *Fresh Aire*. Among this band’s most notable works are a rock cover of “God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen” and “Carol of the Bells.” For 10 points—name this New Age band named for a German city.**

ANSWER: **Mannheim Steamroller**

<Music>

- 19. The music video to this song begins with Santa yelling at Lil ‘Lep for making him late to his rounds. This song samples the horns from Clarence Carter’s “Back Door Santa.” This song breaks into an interlude that contains the melodies for “Jingle Bells” and “Joy to the World” played on synthesizer, after which the narrator states “Rhymes so (\*) loud and proud you hear it.” The narrator of this song attempts to return a lost wallet to Santa before finding out “the dough was for me.” For 10 points—name this Christmas-themed Run D.M.C. song that takes place in the namesake neighborhood in Queens.**

ANSWER: **“Christmas in Hollis”**

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