

# Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella'. It consists of three staves of music in G major and 3/4 time. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter). Chords above are G, D, G, D, G. The second staff starts with a measure rest (9), then notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter). Chords above are C, G, Am, D, G, D. The third staff starts with a measure rest (19), then notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter). Chords above are G, D, G, D, G, D, G. There are 'V' markings above the notes G4 and A4 in the second and third staves.

Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella! was a French country dance that was turned into a Christmas carol. It was translated into English in the late 1800's by E. Cuthbert Nunn. In this song, Jeanette and Isabella are two milkmaids who come across the baby Jesus, and run to tell the village to come (quietly) to see the newborn.

1 Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella!  
Bring a torch, to the cradle run!  
It is Jesus, good folk of the village;  
Christ is born and Mary's calling.  
Ah! ah! beautiful is the Mother!  
Ah! ah! beautiful is her Son!

2 It is wrong when the child is sleeping,  
It is wrong to talk so loud;  
Silence, all, as you gather around,  
Lest your noise should waken Jesus.  
Hush! hush! see how fast He slumbers;  
Hush! hush! see how fast He sleeps!

3 Softly to the little stable.  
Softly for a moment come;  
Look and see how charming is Jesus,  
How He is warm, His cheeks are rosy.  
Hush! hush! see how the child is sleeping;  
Hush! hush! see how He smiles in dreams.