Exploring rhythm in the voice studio can be a fun part of a productive vocal music lesson. Encouraging singers to move, tap, clap, to the beat of a song can assist the vocal student with active listening skills and inspire them to experience the music and their voices in a new way.

With this familiar holiday melody, beginner singers of all ages can be encouraged to:

- Tap/clap/move to the beat of the music
- Tap the rhythm of the vocal line
- Tap on the first beat of each bar
- Tap on 2 and 4 of each bar

Intermediate students can explore the variations of the basic rhythm patterns of this song and incorporate new ideas in their own interpretations of this song!

This seasonal singing activity includes a downloadable practice track.

This seasonal singing activity, and fun holiday music can be found in *O Christmas Tree: Seasonal singing activities, warm-ups, and holiday music* published by FULL VOICE MUSIC. www.thefullvoice.com

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1. Sing this “Jingle Bells” excerpt and pay attention to the familiar rhythm.

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Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
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2. Clap the rhythm variations below.

3. Sing the melody with the new rhythm.

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a) Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
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b) Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
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c) Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
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d) Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
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e) Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
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Rhythmic Improvisation

Musicians often change the rhythm of a tune to make it more interesting. These rhythmic variations are often improvised.
4. Have fun singing a jazzy version of Jingle Bells! Can you improvise some new rhythmic ideas?

Jingle Bells

Jazzy Feel, Not Fast

By J. Pierpont

Dash-ing through the snow, In a one horse o-pen sleigh, O’er the fields we go,

Laugh-ing all the way. Bells on bob-tail ring, Mak-ing spir-its bright,

What fun it is to ride and sing a sleigh-ing song to-night. Oh,

Jin-gle bells, jin-gle bells, jin-gle all the way.

Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse o-pen sleigh. Hey! Jin-gle bells, jin-gle bells,

Jin-gle all the way. Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse o-pen sleigh.