

# O Christmas Tree

The German folksong “O Tannenbaum” dates from the 16th century. In 1824, Ernst Anschütz added to the traditional first verse, which refers neither to Christmas nor a decorated tree, but instead to the evergreen as a symbol of constancy and faithfulness. Anschütz’s new verses engendered the association with Christmas.

**Moderate**

1.

O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, how love - ly are thy branch - es.

2.

branch - es. Your boughs so green in sum - mer time stay brave - ly green in win - ter time. O

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