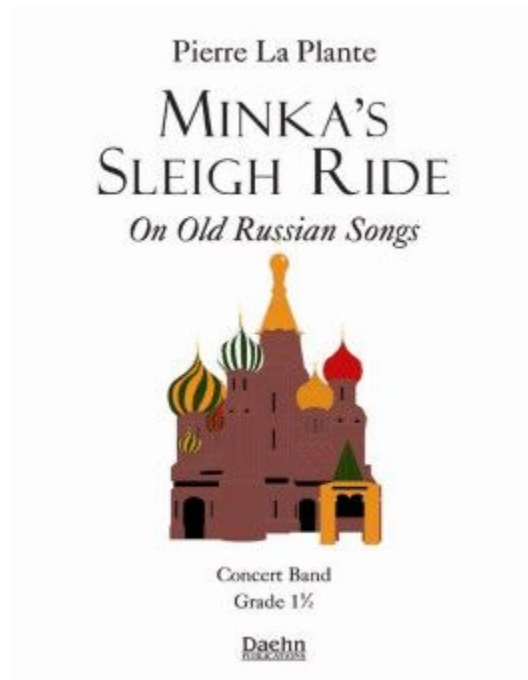


Minka's Sleigh Ride: Virtual Last Night 2021

Arranged by Pierre La Plante

Assembled by Jim Fisher



[Audio Production](#)

Contributors Instructions

We will try to record this 2:50 minute Russian Holiday Treat to be broadcast on WERU New Years Eve and saved for posterity on our website and in your hearts.

Notes:

- Audio Only (MP3 preferred), but record video (MP4) with your phone or computer if that is all you can figure out.
- I provide a two-measure count-in One, Two, Ready, Go (the sleigh bells are ringing during the count-in)
- The tempo starts at 105 beats per minute and gradually accelerates to about 115 beats per minute. I included a metronome track that attempts to speed up with the music.
- Please record multiple tracks on different instruments or different parts for your instrument. The more the better!
- Headphones or earbuds are required. We must not hear the backing track in your recording!

Instructions:

- Listen to the backing track with earbuds or headphones while you record yourself playing. This is surprisingly easy with a PC or Mac. Cell phones can do it, but it is awkward.
 - For a PC
 - Optional - open the sheet music with Adobe Acrobat Reader in a third window so that you can see the music, or use printed music.
 - Open "Voice Recorder" in one window
 - Open the backing track in Windows Media Player in a second window (be sure you have headphones or earbuds.)
 - Press record on the voice recorder.
 - Press play on Windows Media Player
 - Start playing along with the track.
 - When the piece has ended, stop the Voice Recorder. That should create your recording.
 - Optional: Download Audacity - a very powerful multitrack audio editor and use that rather than Voice Recorder. There is a learning curve, but you gain all kinds of abilities.
- Save your recording to a cloud drive, like Google Drive, Youtube or IDrive.
- Please name the file Minka_instrument_yourname - eg. Minka_Tuba_JimFisher.MP3.
- Send a link to the file jimfisher101@gmail.com

Conductor Track / Backing Track (MP3): [Minka's Sleigh Ride](#)

Call me at 207-812-6315 if you have any questions..

Sheet Music (PDF Format)

Flute	Oboe	Clarinet 1	Clarinet 2	Bass Clarinet		
Alto Sax	Tenor Sax	Bari Sax	Bassoon			
Trumpet 1	Trumpet 2	Horn F	Trombone	Euphonium	Baritone TC	Tuba
Percussion	Unfortunately, the snare/bass drum part is missing the final page. Improvise!					

Minka's Sleigh Ride

On Old Russian Songs

“Minka” is an old Ukrainian/Cossack folk song that has survived the test of time and even found favor with classical composers the likes of Weber, Hummel and Beethoven.

Beethoven arranged many folk songs for voice, including “Schöne Minka,” as it is often referred to, and wrote a set of Variations for Flute or Violin and Piano (Op. 107, No. 7).

Freely translated, a few lines of “Schöne Minka” reads:

Lovely Minka, I must leave.
Oh, don't you feel the anguish...

On the mountain, in the groves,
I call for you...

This setting also includes a quote from another Russian folk song, “The Birch Tree,” used by Tchaikovsky in his Fourth Symphony.