

## O Tannenbaum

A Reflection on "The Fir Tree" by Hans Christian Andersen

Traditional German  
arr. Ann Carter-Cox

♩ = c. 66

Quietly and Gently

Celtic Harp

v. 1 O Tannenbaum ..... etc.

6

Hp.

13

Hp.

rolled

19

Hp.

This interpretation of "O Tannenbaum" differs from that which most of us connect with Christmas. If you are unfamiliar with Hans Christian Andersen's story, "Der Tannenbaum" - "The Fir Tree" - I recommend that you read or listen to it. From its opening line, "Out in the wood stood a pretty little fir tree" to its last words, "However, that was over now - the Tree gone, the story at an end", Andersen's story reminds us to live each day to its fullest.

25

Hp.

31

Hp.

37

Hp.

42

Hp.

47

Hp.

rit, ..... a tempo

O Tannenbaum ..... etc.

52

Hp.

Rolled

57

Hp.

61

Lento

Hp.

O Tan - nenbaum, O Tan - nenbaum, How

Rolled

64

molto lento al fine

Hp.

faith- ful are thy branch - es.

v. 1 O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, how faithful are thy branches. (Repeat)  
 Not only green when summer's here but in the coldest time of year.  
 O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, how faithful are thy branches.

v. 2 O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, how richly God has decked thee. (Repeat)  
 Thou bidst us true and faithful be and trust in God unchangingly.  
 O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, how faithful are thy branches. \*

\*This reprise of the last line of verse 1 is intentional