

## Santa Claus is coming to town

"Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town" is a Christmas song written by J. Fred Coots and Haven Gillespie. The earliest known recorded version of the song was by banjoist Harry Reser and his band on October 24, 1934. It sold more than 30,000 records within 24 hours.

The song has been recorded by over 200 artists, including Bing Crosby and The Andrews Sisters, The Crystals, Mariah Carey, Neil Diamond, Bruce Springsteen, Frank Sinatra, Bill Evans, Chris Isaak, The Temptations, The Carpenters, Michael Bublé, Luis Miguel, and The Jackson 5.

You better watch out  
You better not cry  
You better not **pout**  
I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is coming to town

He's making a list,  
And checking it twice;  
He's gonna find out who's naughty  
and nice.  
Santa Claus is coming to town

He sees you when you're sleeping  
He knows when you're awake  
He knows if you've been bad or  
good  
So be good **for goodness sake**

You better watch out  
You better not cry  
You better not pout  
I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is coming to town  
  
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**SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN**

Words by  
HAVEN GILLESPIE

Music by  
J. FRED COOTS  
Arranged by ROBERT SCHULTZ

*Moderately bright*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and marked 'Moderately bright'. It features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'You bet-ter watch out, you bet-ter not cry, bet-ter not pout, I'm tell-ing you why: San - ta Claus is com - in' to town. He's mak - ing a list and check-ing it twice, gon-na find out who's naught-y and nice, San - ta Claus is com - in' to'. The score includes fingerings (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) and dynamics (mp).

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**pout**  
to push out your lips, to show you are annoyed or to look sexually attractive

**for goodness sake**  
used to emphasize that it is important to do something or when you are annoyed about something