

Nutcracker Suite

for string quartet (or string orchestra) *

based on the original score
arranged and edited by
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P.Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

1. Overture Miniature

Allegro giusto

The musical score is arranged for four string instruments: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, and Cello. It begins with a dynamic marking of *pp* (pianissimo) and a tempo of **Allegro giusto**. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 2/4. The score is divided into three systems. The first system (measures 1-8) features a melodic line in Violin I and Cello, with Violin II and Viola providing harmonic support. The second system (measures 9-14) continues the melodic development. The third system (measures 15-20) introduces a dynamic marking of *p* (piano) and features more complex rhythmic patterns in the strings.

* originally for orchestra

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