

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 parts: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, and Cello. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 2/4. The score begins with a dynamic marking of *pp* (pianissimo) and a tempo marking of **Allegro giusto**. The first system (measures 1-8) shows the Violin I part with a melodic line, Violin II with a rhythmic accompaniment, Viola with a similar rhythmic accompaniment, and Cello with a bass line. The second system (measures 9-14) continues the development of these parts. The third system (measures 15-18) introduces a dynamic marking of *p* (piano) and features more complex rhythmic patterns in the Violin I and Viola parts.

* originally for orchestra

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