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**TOM LEHRER** (b. 1928), teacher, songwriter, and performer, taught various mathematics courses at Harvard, M.I.T., Wellesley, and the University of California at Santa Cruz. At the latter he also taught courses in the American Musical. He recorded his first album privately in 1953, and subsequently released several others. This song was written for Garrison Keillor’s *A Prairie Home Companion* (called *The American Radio Company* at the time), and his recording of it can be found on the Rhino box set *The Remains of Tom Lehrer*.

“Chanukah in Santa Monica” was originally written for and sung on Garrison Keillor’s *A Prairie Home Companion* radio show (called *The American Radio Company* at the time) in 1990, allegedly to counterbalance “White Christmas,” and to remedy the lack of Hanukkah songs. His recording of it can be found on the Rhino box set, *The Remains of Tom Lehrer*. Its lyrics feature some of Lehrer’s most clever (and most far-fetched) rhymes, such as “I spent Shavuot in East Saint Louis” and “Rosh Hashona I spend in Arizona, and Yom Kippur way down in Mississippi” (when pronounced with the proper dialect, the lines really do rhyme).

Inspired by Lehrer’s calendar hopping, I composed an instrumental interlude that pays musical tribute to the Jewish holidays mentioned in the song. See how many of them you can identify. Those conductors who prefer brevity can eliminate the first 55 measures and perform the piece, without clarinet, starting at the reprise. Have fun!

— Joshua Jacobson

# Chanukah in Santa Monica

For TTBB with clarinet and keyboard

Tom Lehrer

Tom Lehrer  
arr. Joshua Jacobson

$\bullet = 120$

Clarinet<sup>\*</sup> *f*

Baritone *mf*

Bass *mf*

I'm spend - ing

I'm spend - ing

Keyboard

$\bullet = 120$

T1

Cha - nu - kah in San - ta Mo - ni - ca,

T2

Cha - nu - kah in San - ta Mo - ni - ca,

B1

Cha - nu - kah in San - ta Mo - ni - ca, wear - ing

B2

Cha - nu - kah in San - ta Mo - ni - ca, wear - ing

Keybd. *mf* drum set in

The musical score is arranged in systems. The first system includes Clarinet, Baritone, Bass, and Keyboard. The Clarinet part has a dynamic marking of *f*. The Baritone and Bass parts have a dynamic marking of *mf* and include the lyrics "I'm spend - ing". The Keyboard part has a dynamic marking of *f*. The second system includes four vocal parts (T1, T2, B1, B2) and the Keyboard. The vocal parts have the lyrics "Cha - nu - kah in San - ta Mo - ni - ca," and "wear - ing". The Keyboard part has a dynamic marking of *mf* and includes the instruction "drum set in".

\* The clarinet obbligato appears in the score in concert key. The Clarinet part (at the end of this score) is transposed for a B $\flat$  instrument.

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T1  
oo, ah, I spent Sha -

T2  
oo, ah, I spent Sha -

B1  
san - dals, light - ing can - dles by the sea.

B2  
san - dals, light - ing can - dles by the sea.

Keybd.

7

T1  
vu - os in East Saint Lou - is,

T2  
vu - os in East Saint Lou - is,

B1  
oo, a charm - ing

B2  
oo, a charm - ing

Keybd.

9

T1  
spot not for me. oo,

T2  
spot not for me. Those East-ern win-ters, I

B1  
spot but clear-ly not the spot for me. Those East-ern win-ters, I

B2  
spot but clear-ly not the spot for me. oo,

Keybd.

12

T1  
— so ev' - ry year I pack my gear and

T2  
can't en-dure 'em, ah,

B1  
can't en-dure 'em, so ev' - ry year I pack my gear and

B2  
— ah,

Keybd.

14

T1  
come out here till Pu - rim. Rosh Ha - sha-nah I spend in A - ri -

T2  
Rosh Ha - sha-nah I spend in A - ri -

B1  
come out here till Pu - rim. Rosh Ha - sha-nah I spend in A - ri -

B2  
Rosh Ha - sha-nah I spend in A - ri -

Keybd.

16

T1  
zo - na, ah,

T2  
zo - na, ah,

B1  
zo - na, and Yom Kip - puh way down in Mis - sis -

B2  
zo - na, ah,

Keybd.

18

T1 But in De - cem - ber there's just one place for

T2 But in De - cem - ber there's just one place for

B1 sip-puh. But in De - cem - ber there's just one place for

B2 But in De - cem - ber there's just one place for

Keybd.

20

T1 me. wa wa doo

T2 me. wa wa doo

B1 me. A - mid the Ca - li - for - nia flo - ra I'll be

B2 me. A - mid the Ca - li - for - nia flo - ra I'll be

Keybd.

22

T1  
wa Like a ba-by in its cra-dle I'll be

T2  
wa Like a ba-by in its cra-dle I'll be

B1  
light-ing my me-no-rah, wa wa doo

B2  
light-ing my me-no-rah, wa wa doo

Keybd.

24

Cl.

T1  
play-ing with my drei-del, spend-ing Cha-nu-kah, in San-ta

T2  
play-ing with my drei-del, spend-ing Cha-nu-kah, in San-ta

B1  
wa spend-ing Cha-nu-kah, in San-ta

B2  
wa spend-ing Cha-nu-kah, in San-ta

Keybd.

26

Cl. *f*

T 1  
Mo-ni-ca, by the sea! —

T 2  
Mo-ni-ca, by the sea! —

B 1  
Mo-ni-ca, by the sea! —  
(b) *mf*

B 2  
Mo-ni-ca, by the sea! —  
(b) *mf*

Keybd.

drum set: klezmer rhythm

optional: skip to m.54

29

Cl.

Keybd.

drum set: follow piano rhythm

33

Cl.

Keybd.

drum set tacet

36

Cl.

Keybd.

*drum set: klezmer rhythm*

*f*

40

Cl.

Keybd.

*drum hits with piano right hand*

*drum set follows piano, march-like*

44

Cl.

Keybd.

48

Cl.

Keybd.

*Slow and stately (♩ = 68)*

*drums: occasional rolls on cymbal with soft mallets*

52 *Tempo primo* (♩ = 120)  
*playfully*

Keybd.

56

Cl.

T 1

T 2

B 2

Keybd.

*mf*

*mf*

*drum set back in*

Cha-nu-kah in San-ta Mo-ni-ca,  
Cha-nu-kah in San-ta Mo-ni-ca,  
I'm spend-ing Cha-nu-kah in San-ta Mo-ni-ca, wear-ing  
I'm spend-ing Cha-nu-kah in San-ta Mo-ni-ca, wear-ing

59

Cl.

T1

T2

B1

B2

Keybd.

61

Cl.

T1

T2

B1

B2

Keybd.

63

Cl.

T1

T2

B1

B2

Keybd.

spot not for me. oo,

spot not for me. Those East-ern win-ters, I

spot but clear-ly not the spot for me. Those East-ern win-ters, I

spot but clear-ly not the spot for me. oo,

66

Cl.

T1

T2

B1

B2

Keybd.

so ev' - ry year I pack my gear and

can't en-dure 'em, ah,

can't en-dure 'em, so ev' - ry year I pack my gear and

ah,

68

Cl. *f* shofar-like

T1  
T2  
B1  
B2

come out here till Pu - rim. Rosh Ha - sha-na I spend in A - ri -  
Rosh Ha - sha-na I spend in A - ri -  
come out here till Pu - rim. Rosh Ha - sha-na I spend in A - ri -  
Rosh Ha - sha-na I spend in A - ri -

Keybd.

70

Cl. *mf*

T1  
T2  
B1  
B2

zo - na, ah,  
zo - na, ah,  
zo - na, and Yom Kip - puh way down in Mis - sis -  
zo - na, ah,

Keybd.

72

T 1

T 2

B 1

B 2

Keybd.

But in De - cem - ber there's just one place for

But in De - cem - ber there's just one place for

sip-puh. But in De - cem - ber there's just one place for

But in De - cem - ber there's just one place for

74

Cl.

T 1

T 2

B 1

B 2

Keybd.

me. wa wa doo

me. wa wa doo

me. A - mid the Ca - li - for - nia flo - ra I'll be

me. A - mid the Ca - li - for - nia flo - ra I'll be

76

T 1  
wa like a ba-by in its cra-dle I'll be

T 2  
wa like a ba-by in its cra-dle I'll be

B 1  
light-ing my me - no - rah, wa wa doo

B 2  
light-ing my me - no - rah, wa wa doo

Keybd.

78

T 1  
play-ing with my drei-del. be - us,

T 2  
play-ing with my drei-del. be - us,

B 1  
wa Here's to Ju-dasMac-ca-be-us, boy if

B 2  
wa Here's to Ju-dasMac-ca-be-us, boy if

Keybd.

80

Cl.

T 1

T 2

B 1

B 2

Keybd.

see us spend-ing Chan-nu-kah, in San-ta

see us spend-ing Chan-nu-kah, in San-ta

he could on-ly see us spend-ing Chan-nu-kah, in San-ta

he could on-ly see us spend-ing Chan-nu-kah, in San-ta

82

T 1

T 2

B 1

B 2

Keybd.

Mo-ni-ca, by the sea!

Mo-ni-ca, by the sea!

Mo-ni-ca, by the sea!

Mo-ni-ca, by the sea!

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31

34

38 *f*

42

47 *Slow and stately* ( $\text{♩} = 68$ )

52 *Tempo primo* ( $\text{♩} = 120$ )  
*playfully*

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