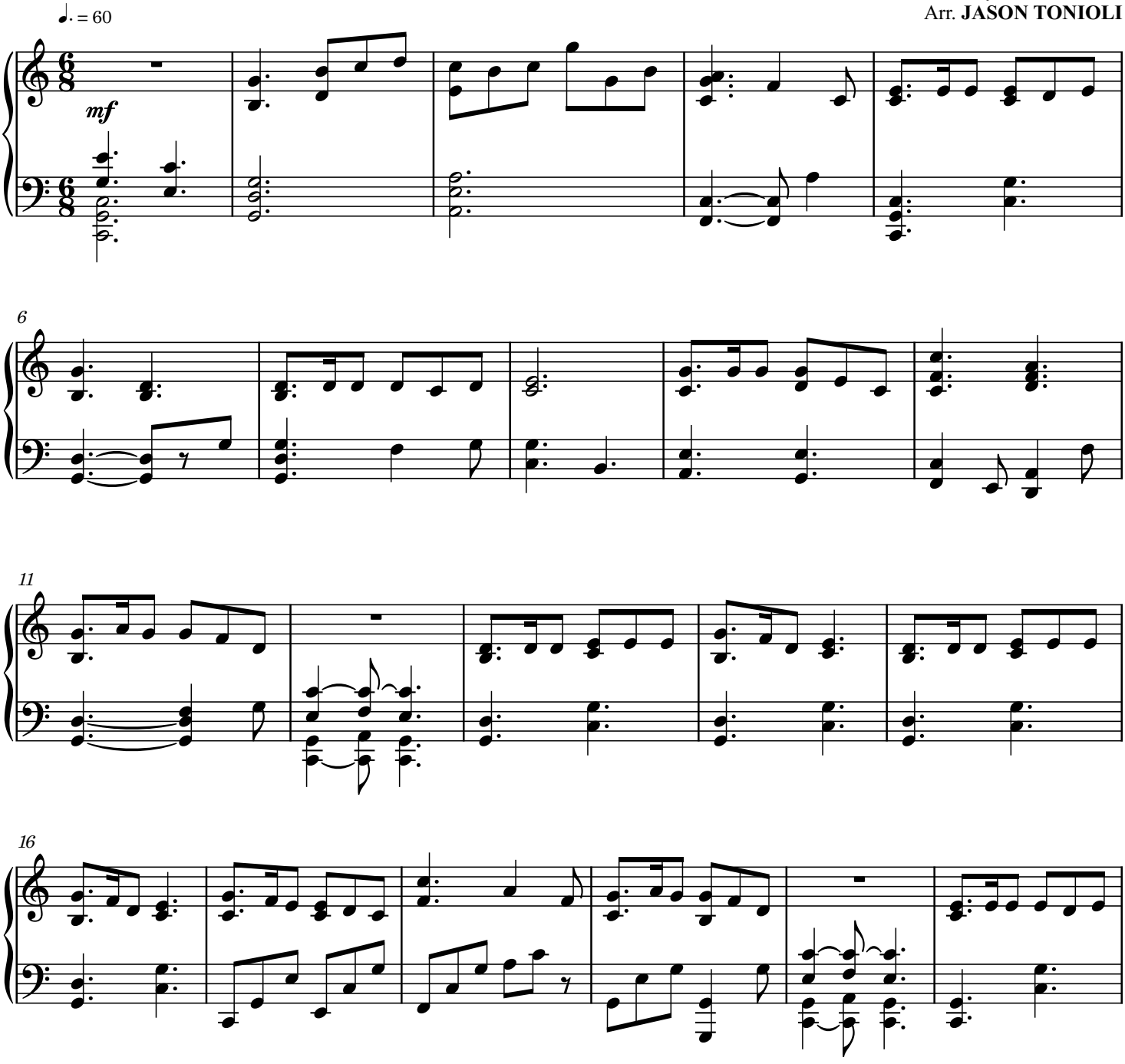Side Notes: I first heard this beautiful German Christmas carol in my twenties at one of Jon Schmidt's Christmas concerts. Jon's father, who was from Germany, came onstage with his harmonica while Jon accompanied him at the piano. It was a simple moment between a father and son, but the feeling of hearing them share a song from their family heritage has stayed with me ever since.

Süßer die Glocken nie klingen ("Sweeter the Bells Never Ring") is a beloved 19th-century German carol about the sound of Christmas bells, the coming of the Christ Child, and a message of peace and goodwill reaching across the world. I'm grateful that someone shared this melody with me years ago… and I'm happy to have the opportunity to pass it along to you.

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19th Century German Carol
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