



Familie Dinkel **Wieder Weihnacht**

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While searching for suitable Christmas presents for friends and relatives, Melanie and Daniel, together with their children David and Helena, began recording Christmas carols in 2015 and giving them away as homemade CDs.

Three years later, after the birth of their third child, Levi, they made more recordings and continued this tradition, with the children growing older each year and learning to play new instruments themselves, putting more and more heart and soul into the project. From year to year, the recordings became more complex, covering everything from traditional children's Christmas carols in High German to Christmas carols from their Bavarian homeland to traditional English/Spanish-language Christmas songs, whatever suited the children's current stage of development and what they enjoyed singing.

In 2024, the family finally composed their first own Christmas song, 'Wieder Weihnacht' (Christmas Again), with lyrics again in Bavarian and instruments from the family's treasure trove of instruments. 'Wieder Weihnacht' celebrates the Christmas spirit that brings us together every year despite all our differences and the ever-increasing social divide, emphasising what we have in common and helping us to overcome divisions and rifts. How wonderful it would be if we could carry this spirit with us in our hearts even after the festive season is over.

The Dinkel family's music is characterised by acoustic instruments such as piano, violin, guitars, mandolin, clarinet and percussion instruments, and is expanded almost annually with new instruments that children and adults alike learn to play. The highlight of the recordings is always the family's polyphonic choral singing.

The four pieces were written between 2020 and 2024 ('Star-Child/Earth-Child' 2020, "Hallelujah" (Christmas Edition) 2022, 'The First Novell' 2023 and "Wieder Weihnacht" 2024) and are a piece of family contemporary history, as they reflect the children's current stage of development, which is expressed above all in their childish voices. The family's top priority is always: the songs don't have to be sung and played perfectly, but they must come from the heart and be fun.

Band member

Daniel Dinkel	Gitarre, Gesang, Cajon, Frame Drum, Mandoline, Percussior
David Dinkel	Gitarre, Klavier, Gesang
Helena Dinkel	Klarinette, Gesang
Levi Dinkel	Gesang
Melanie Dinkel	Geige, Klavier, Gesang

Producer

Daniel Dinkel

Mastering

Andreas Rathhammer

Tracklist

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| 1. | Wieder Weihnacht | 04:56 |
| 2. | The First Novell
M: Traditional T: Traditional/Christoph Mohr | 05:21 |
| 3. | Hallelujah (Christmas Edition)
M: Leonard Cohen T: Leonard Cohen/Cloverton | 05:25 |
| 4. | Star-Child, Earth-Child/Stern-Kind, Erd-Kind
M: Carlton Young T: Shirley Erena Murray | 03:23 |
| 5. | Wieder Weihnacht
M: DANIEL DINKEL T: DANIEL DINKEL P: TROPICAL MEDIA PUBLISHING DANIEL DINKEL | 04:41 |