

The Praise of Christmas

For Solo Voice and SSAA Chorus

Traditional

from *The Oxford Book of Carols**

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Andante con moto $\text{♩} = 56$

p legato

Solo

All hail to the days that mer - it more praise Than all the rest of the year, _____ And

wel - come the nights that dou - ble de-lights As well for the poor as the peer! _____ Good

pp molto legato

Oo _____ Oo

molto legato

Oo _____ Oo

for - tune at - tend each mer - ry man's friend That doth but the best that he may, For -

get - ting old wrongs with ca - rols and songs, To drive the cold win - ter a - way. _____

mp

Oo _____ 'Tis

div. mp unis.

Oo _____ 'Tis

18 *intensely*

ill for a mind to an - ger in - clined To think of small in - jur - ies now; _____ If

intensely

ill for a mind to an - ger in - clined To think of small in - jur - ies now; _____ If

22 *mf*

wrath be to seek, do not lend her thy cheek, Nor let her in - ha - bit thy brow. _____ Cross

mf

wrath be to seek, do not lend her thy cheek, Nor let her in - ha - bit thy brow. _____ Cross

26 *mp dolce*

out of thy books ma - le - vo - lent looks, Both beau - ty and youth's de - cay, And _____

div. mp dolce

out of thy books ma - le - vo - lent looks, Both beau - ty and youth's de - cay, And

30 *mf*

whol - ly con - sort with mirth and with sport, To drive the cold win - ter a - way. _____ This

mf

whol - ly con - sort with mirth and with sport, To drive the cold win - ter a - way. _____ This

mf

whol - ly con - sort with mirth and with sport, To drive the cold win - ter a - way. _____ This

mf

whol - ly con - sort with mirth and with sport, To drive the cold win - ter a - way. _____ This

34 *exuberantly* *f*

time of the year is spent in good cheer, And neigh - bours to - ge - ther do meet, ____ To

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38

sit by the fire, with friend - ly de - sire, Each oth - er in love to ____ greet. ____ Old

sit by the fire, with friend - ly de - sire, Each oth - er in love to ____ greet. ____ Old

sit by the fire, with friend - ly de - sire, Each oth - er in love to ____ greet. ____ Old

sit by the fire, with friend - ly de - sire, Each oth - er in love to ____ greet. to greet. Old

42 *mf warmly*

grudg - es for - got are put in the pot, All sor - rows a - side they lay; The ____

mf warmly

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mf warmly

grudg - es for - got are put in the pot, All sor - rows a - side they lay; The ____

mf warmly

grudg - es for - got are put in the pot, All sor - rows a - side they lay; The

46 *mp*

When

old and the young doth car - ol this song, To drive the cold win - ter a - way. _____

old and the young doth car - ol this song, To drive the cold win - ter a - way. _____

old and the young doth car - ol this song, To drive the cold win - ter a - way. _____

old and the young doth car - ol this song, To drive the cold win - ter a - way. _____

50

Christ - mas tide comes in like a bride, With hol - ly and i - vy clad, _____ Twelve

Sop. 1 & 2

p

Oo _____

p

Oo _____

p

Oo _____

54 *mp*
 days in the year much mirth and good cheer in ev - er - y house - hold is had. _____ The
dim.
 Oo _____
dim.
 Oo _____
dim.
 Oo _____

58 *p*
 coun - try guise is then to de - vise Some gam - bols of Christ - mas play, Where -
 Oo _____
 Oo _____
 Oo _____

62 *molto rit.*
 at the young men do best that they can To drive the cold win - ter a - way.
pp
 Oo _____
pp
 Oo _____
pp
 Oo _____