

THE PRAISE OF CHRISTMAS

For Solo Voice and SATB Chorus

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Traditional

from *The Oxford Book of Carols**

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Andante con moto ♩ = 58

p legato

Solo

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

6

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

W

molto legato pp

Oo _

M

molto legato pp

Oo _

Piano (for rehearsal only)

pp

Oo _

10

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

div.

div.

10

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 *mf*
 8 wrath be to seek, do not lend her thy cheek, Nor let her in - ha - bit thy brow. _____ Cross *mf*
 22 *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 _____ *mp dolce*
 out of thy books ma - le - vo - lent looks, Both beau - ty and youth's de - cay, And _____ *mp dolce*
 8 out of thy books ma - le - vo - lent looks, Both beau - ty and youth's de - cay, And _____ *mp dolce*
 26 *mp*
 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 *mf*

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

34 *exuberantly* *f*
 time of the year is spent in good cheer, And neigh - bours to - ge - ther do meet, _____ To *f*
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34 *f*
 time of the year is spent in good cheer, And neigh - bours to - ge - ther do meet, _____ To *f*

38

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

38

42

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

mf warmly

42

46 *mf*

When Christ - mas tide comes

p

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

p

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

p

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

p

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

46

51

in like a bride, With hol - ly and i - vy clad, ____ Twelve days in the year much mirth and good cheer in

Oo ____

Oo ____

Oo ____

Oo ____

51

8

56 *mp*
 ev - e - ry house - hold is had. The coun - try guise is then to de - vise Some gam - bols of Christ - mas
dim.
dim.
dim.
dim.
 Oo
 Oo
 Oo
 Oo

56
dim.
 Oo

61 *p* *molto rit.*
 play, Where - at the young men do best that they can To drive the cold win - ter a - way.
pp *div.*
 S, A
pp
 T
pp
 B
pp
 Oo
 Oo
 Oo
 Oo
 61 *pp* *molto rit.*