

# *The Praise of Christmas*

for Solo Voice and TTBB Chorus Unaccompanied

Traditional from *The Oxford Book of Carols*

Arranged by

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*All hail to the days that merit more praise  
Than all the rest of the year,  
And welcome the nights that double delights  
As well for the poor as the peer!  
Good fortune attend each merry man's friend  
That doth but the best that he may,  
For getting old wrongs with carols and songs,  
To drive the cold winter away.*

*When Christmas tide comes in like a bride,  
With holly and ivy clad,  
Twelve days in the year much mirth and good cheer  
In every household is had.  
The country guise is then to devise  
Some gambols of Christmas play,  
Whereat the young men do best that they can  
To drive the cold winter away.*

*'Tis ill for a mind to anger inclined  
To think of small injuries now;  
If wrath be to seek, do not lend her thy cheek,  
Nor let her inhabit thy brow.  
Cross out of thy looks malevolent looks,  
Both beauty and youth's decay,  
And wholly consort with mirth and with sport,  
To drive the cold winter away.*

*This time of the year is spent in good cheer,  
And neighbours together do meet,  
To sit by the fire, with friendly desire,  
Each other in love to greet.  
Old grudges forgot are put in the pot,  
All sorrows aside they lay;  
The old and the young doth carol this song,  
To drive the cold winter away.*

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**Andante con moto** ♩ = 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

Oo \_\_\_\_\_ Oo

*pp 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.\_\_\_\_\_

Oo \_\_\_\_\_

*mp*

Oo \_\_\_\_\_ *div.* 'Tis *mp* 'Tis

18 *intensely*  
 ill for a mind to an - ger in - clined To think of small in - jur - ies now; \_\_\_\_\_ If  
*unis. 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

*exuberantly* *f*

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

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42 *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 \_\_\_\_

*mf warmly*

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*mf warmly*

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