

# The Knighting of the Sirloin of Beef by Charles the Second

For SATB Voices and Piano

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*The Second Charles of England  
Rode forth one Christmas tide,  
To hunt a gallant stag of ten  
Of Chingford woods the pride.*

*The winds blew keen, the snow fell fast,  
And made for earth a pall,  
As tired steeds and wearied men  
Returned to Friday Hall.*

*The blazing logs, piled on the dogs,  
Were pleasant to behold!  
And grateful was the steaming feast  
To hungry men and cold.*

*With right good-will all took their fill,  
And soon each found relief;  
Whilst Charles his royal trencher piled  
From one huge loin of beef.*

*Quoth Charles, "Odd's fish! a noble dish!  
Ay noble made by me!  
By kingly right, I dub thee knight --  
Sir Loin henceforward be!"*

*And never was a royal jest  
Received with such acclaim:  
And never knight than good Sir Loin  
More worthy of the name.*

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from *Christmas* (1907) Edited by R. H. Schauffler (1879-1964)

**Adagio con moto** ♩ = 80

with great heartiness

*mf*

Alto

Piano

*f* *sonore* *mp*

A. 5 Sec - ond Charles of Eng - land+ Rode forth one Christ - mas tide, *mf*

T. 8 To

5

T. 9 hunt a gal - lant stag of ten Of Ching - ford\* woods the pride. *p*

B. 9 The

*p*

+Charles II (1630-1685) was King of Scotland, Ireland and England. He was known as the *Merry Monarch* and was greatly beloved by his subjects.

\* Chingford: a district of Waltham Forest in Northeast London, once a royal hunting preserve.

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13 *mf* As

*cresc. poco a poco*

S. winds blew keen, the snow fell fast, And made for earth a pall, \_\_\_\_\_

13 *cresc. poco a poco*

17 *cresc. poco a poco* *f* *mf*

S. tired \_\_\_\_\_ steeds and wear - ied men Re - turned to Fri - day Hall+. \_\_\_\_\_ The

17 *f poco marcato*

22 *mf* And

S. blaz - ing logs, piled on the dogs,\* Were pleas - ant to be - hold! \_\_\_\_\_ And

22 *mf* And

+Friday Hall: one of the King's residences

\*dogs: fire dogs, andirons

26

S. grate - ful was the steam - ing feast To hun - gry men and cold. *f* With

A. *f* With

T. grate - ful was the steam - ing feast To hun - gry men and cold. *f* With

B. *f* With

26

30

S. right good-will all took their fill, And soon each found re - lief; *poco dim.* *mp* Whilst

A. right good-will all took their fill, And soon each found re - lief; *poco dim.* *mp* Whilst

T. right good-will all took their fill, And soon each found re - lief; *poco dim.* *mp* Whilst

B. right good-will all took their fill, And soon each found re - lief; *poco dim.* *div.* *mp* unison Whilst

30

34 *f* *mp* 5

S. Charles his roy - al trench - er piled From one huge loin of beef. Quoth

A. Charles his roy - al trench - er piled From one huge loin of beef. Quoth

T. Charles his roy - al trench - er piled From one huge loin of beef. Quoth

B. Charles his roy - al trench - er piled From one huge loin of beef. Quoth

38 *mf* solo voice

"Odd's fish\*! a no - ble dish! Ay no - ble made by me! By

S. Charles, \_\_\_\_\_

A. Charles, \_\_\_\_\_

T. Charles, \_\_\_\_\_

B. Charles, \_\_\_\_\_

38 *mp*

\*Odd's fish: a euphemism for "God's face"; reputedly a favorite exclamation of King Charles II.

6 42 *allargando ed espressivo*  
*cresc.* *f*

king-ly right, I dub thee knight, Sir Loin hence-for-ward be!"

*p* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

S. Ah By king-ly right, I

A. Ah By king-ly right, I

T. Ah By king-ly right, I

B. Ah By king-ly right, I

*allargando ed espressivo*

42 *non arpeg.*

47 *f* *a tempo*

dub thee knight, Sir Loin hence-for-ward be! And

A. dub thee knight, Sir Loin hence-for-ward be! And

T. dub thee knight, Sir Loin hence-for-ward be! And

B. dub thee knight, Sir Loin hence-for-ward be! And

47 *a tempo*  
*mp* *cresc.* *f*

51

S. nev - er was a roy - al jest Re - ceived with such ac - claim:\_\_\_\_ And nev - er knight than

A. nev - er was a roy - al jest Re - ceived with such ac - claim:\_\_\_\_ And nev - er knight than

T. nev - er was a roy - al jest Re - ceived with such ac - claim:\_\_\_\_ And nev - er knight than

B. nev - er was a roy - al jest Re - ceived with such ac - claim:\_\_\_\_ And nev - er knight than

51

S. good Sir Loin More worth - y of the name.\_\_\_\_\_

A. good Sir Loin More worth - y of the name.\_\_\_\_\_

T. good Sir Loin More worth - y of the name.\_\_\_\_\_

B. good Sir Loin More worth - y of the name.\_\_\_\_\_

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