

The Knighting of the Sirloin of Beef by Charles the Second

For TTBB Voices and Piano

Text Anonymous

Music by
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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 $\text{♩} = 80$ *with great heartiness* ***mf*** *unison*

Unison

Piano *f* *sonore* *mp*

The

Sec - ond Charles+ of Eng - land Rode forth one Christ - mas tide, _____ To

mf

hunt a gal - lant stag of ten Of Ching - ford* woods the pride. _____ The

p

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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Duration: approx. 1:40

13 *cresc. poco a poco*

winds blew keen, the snow fell fast, And made for earth a pall, _____ As

13 *cresc. poco a poco*

17 *f* *mf*

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

17 *f poco marcato*

22 *mf*

blaz - ing logs, piled on the dogs,* Were pleas - ant to be - hold! _____ And

22 *mf*

+Friday Hall: one of the King's residences

*dogs: fire dogs, andirons

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

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

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f

30

right good-will all took their fill, And soon each found re - lief; _____ Whilst

right good-will all took their fill, And soon each found re - lief; _____ Whilst

right good-will all took their fill, And soon each found re - lief; _____ Whilst

right good-will all took their fill, And soon each found re - lief; _____ Whilst

poco dim. *mp*

poco dim. *mp*

poco dim. *mp*

poco dim. *div.* *mp* *unison*

30

poco dim. *mp*

34 *f* *mp* 5

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

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34 *f* *mp*

Charles, *mf solo* "Odd's fish*! a no - ble dish! Ay no - ble made by me! By

Charles,

Charles,

Charles,

Charles,

38 *mp*

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

allargando ed espressivo
cresc.

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

tenor 1
mp *cresc. poco a poco*

tenor 1 and 2
p Ah _____ By king-ly right, I

tenor 2
mp *cresc. poco a poco*

p Ah _____ By king-ly right, I

mp *cresc. poco a poco*

p Ah _____ By king-ly right, I

allargando ed espressivo

non arpeg.

a tempo

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

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

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

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

a tempo

mp *cresc.* *f*

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nev - er was a roy - al jest Re - ceived with such ac - claim:____ And nev - er knight than

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nev - er was a roy - al jest Re - ceived with such ac - claim:____ And nev - er knight than

nev - er was a roy - al jest Re - ceived with such ac - claim:____ And nev - er knight than

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good Sir Loin More worth - y of the name.____

good Sir Loin More worth - y of the name.____

good Sir Loin More worth - y of the name.____

good Sir Loin More worth - y of the name.____

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