

# CHRISTMAS CANON

Lyrics by  
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Music by  
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Gently ♩ = 126

N.C.

*mf*  
(with pedal)

The first system shows the piano introduction in G major, 3/4 time. The right hand plays a simple melody of eighth notes, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment of chords. The tempo is marked 'Gently' at 126 beats per minute.

*Boy's Choir:* The

Mer-ry Christ - mas! Mer-ry Christ - mas! Mer-ry Christ - mas! Mer-ry Christ - mas! Mer-ry

The second system introduces the vocal line for a boy's choir. The lyrics are 'The Mer-ry Christ - mas! Mer-ry Christ - mas! Mer-ry Christ - mas! Mer-ry Christ - mas! Mer-ry'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same harmonic pattern.

joy that He brings. The joy that He brings. The

Christ - mas! Mer - ry Christ - mas! Mer - ry Christ - mas! Mer - ry Christ - mas! Mer - ry

The third system continues the vocal line with the lyrics 'joy that He brings. The joy that He brings. The Christ - mas! Mer - ry Christ - mas! Mer - ry Christ - mas! Mer - ry Christ - mas! Mer - ry'. The piano accompaniment remains consistent.

joy that He brings. The joy that He ...

Christ - mas! Mer - ry Christ - mas! Mer - ry Christ - mas!

*rit.*

The fourth system concludes the vocal line with 'joy that He brings. The joy that He ... Christ - mas! Mer - ry Christ - mas! Mer - ry Christ - mas!'. The piano accompaniment ends with a *rit.* (ritardando) marking. The system concludes with a double bar line and repeat signs.