

Alfred's Basic Piano Library

Merry Christmas!

Ensemble Book • Complete Levels 2 & 3

TEN 4-PART ENSEMBLES FOR 4 KEYBOARDS

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| Title | Student Parts | Teacher's Score |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| The First Noël..... | 2–9..... | 78 |
| Jingle Bells | 42–49..... | 88 |
| Joy to the World | 34–41..... | 86 |
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| We Wish You a Merry Christmas..... | 50–57..... | 90 |

MERRY CHRISTMAS ENSEMBLE BOOK, Complete Levels 2 & 3, of Alfred's Basic Piano Library, contains ten favorite Christmas carols arranged for four-part ensembles. Part 1 of each ensemble is the solo version of the carol from MERRY CHRISTMAS, Levels 2 or 3. Parts 2, 3 and 4 were written using the same concepts at a similar level of difficulty. Students will enjoy the rich sounds created by combining the four parts on different keyboards or recording each part on a sequencer.

Each part is notated within the student's reading range, on a separate page, to facilitate ease in reading. Combined scores for the teacher are located on pages 78–96.

For those students using electronic instruments, suggested sounds are given for each part. These sounds were chosen from a sound module that utilizes the General MIDI format.

The ensembles provide excellent motivational material for group lessons and recitals. Merry Christmas!

A 3.5" floppy diskette (Alfred #14434) with complete standard MIDI files is available to accompany this book. The diskette will play on most General MIDI instruments equipped with a MS/DOS compatible disk drive able to read standard MIDI files, as well as most computer-based sequencing programs. Each individual ensemble part is recorded on a separate MIDI channel using the suggested General MIDI sounds. A fifth MIDI channel contains a percussion part to accompany the ensemble. The disk is useful for both practice and performance.

Part 1 Suggested Sound
Acoustic Guitar (nylon) GM 025



O Little Town of Bethlehem

Moderato

Play all RH 6ths & 7ths with 1-5, except when marked otherwise.

Brooks—Redner

5 1 4 1 5 1 2 1 5 1 4 1 5 1 2 1

p O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we — see thee

3 2 1 5 4

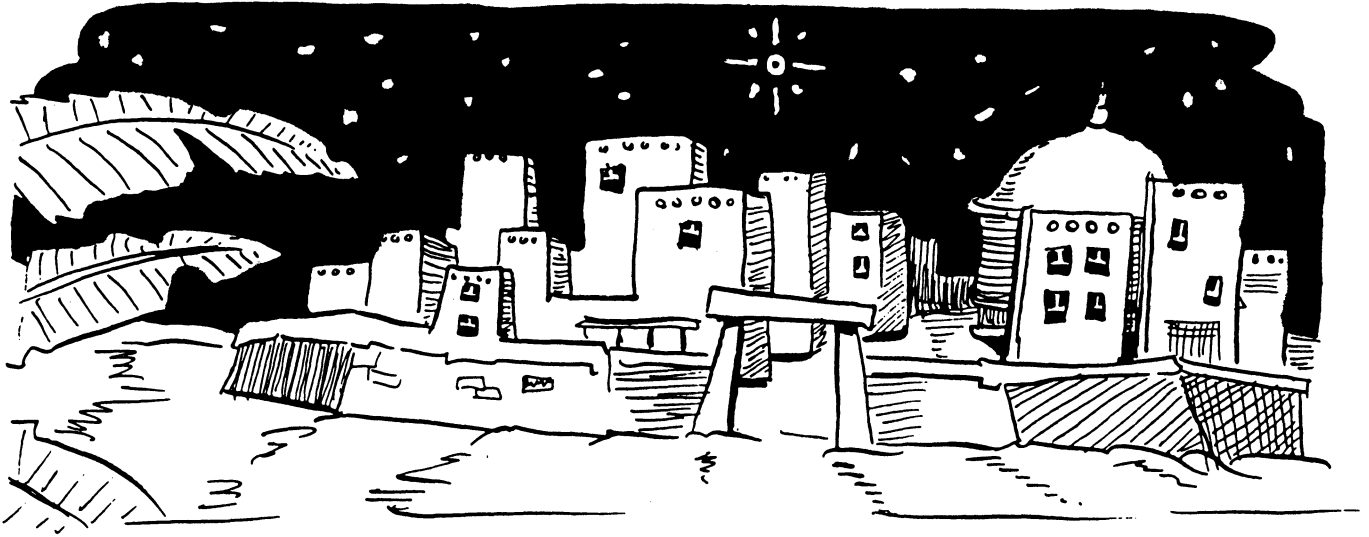
Ped. ad lib.

4 5 1 5 1 4 5 1 2 1 5 1

lie! A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The

1 3 2 1 5

Part 2 Suggested Sound
Acoustic Guitar (steel) GM 026



O Little Town of Bethlehem

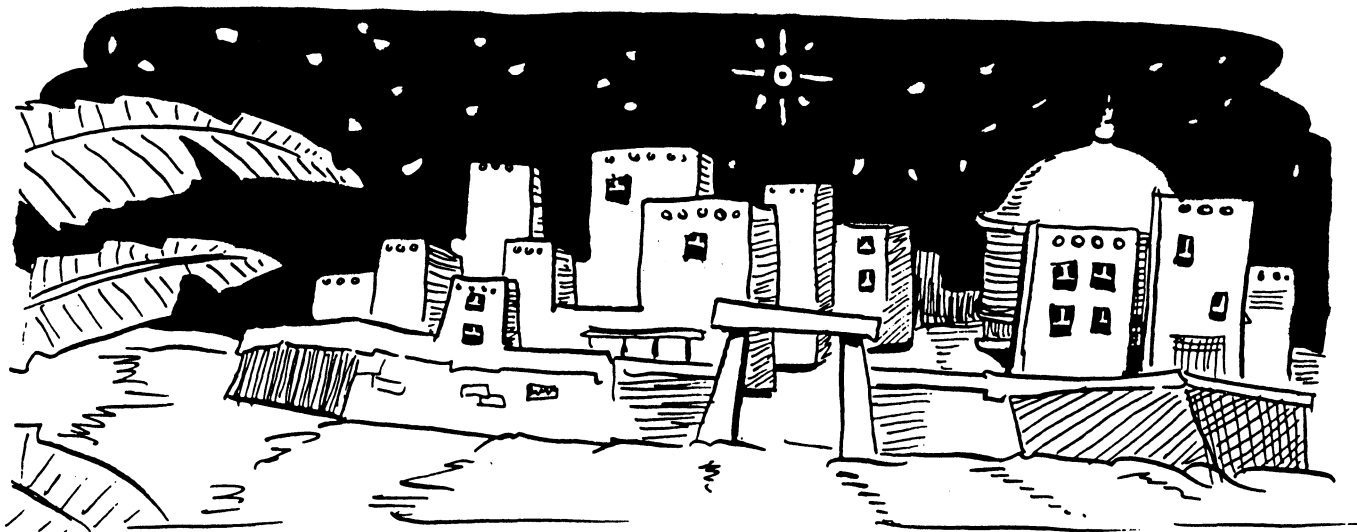
Moderato

p

Ped. ad lib.

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Part 3 Suggested Sound
Koto GM 108



O Little Town of Bethlehem

Moderato

Both hands one octave higher than written throughout

Part 4 Suggested Sound
Fretless Bass GM 036



O Little Town of Bethlehem

Moderato

Both hands one octave lower than written throughout