

African Noel is a jubilant setting of a traditional African Christmas folksong. Arranged with optional percussion accompaniment (available separately, No. 19967), it is available in editions both for 3-part mixed voices and for unison or 2-part (treble or mixed) voices. It is appropriate for performance by both school and church choirs.

Call-and-response between soloist and choir is a notable element of this lively tune. The solo passages (e.g., mm. 49-52, 56-60, et. al.) may be sung by a single voice, several voices or the entire choir. The dynamics are carefully marked and should be observed with energy and excitement.

For performance by church choirs, suggested corresponding scripture readings include Isaiah 9: 1-7, Luke 2: 1-20 and Titus 2: 11-14. One basic homiletical theme is singing with joy and gratitude for the birth of the Newborn King.

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PLEASE NOTE: In the InstruPax score and compact disc recording, the percussion part begins four measures before the keyboard entrance.

AFRICAN NOEL

for unison or 2-part voices, accompanied,
with opt. soloist and percussion*

TRADITIONAL AFRICAN FOLKSONG

Arranged by **DAVE & JEAN PERRY (ASCAP)**

Joyful and rhythmic (♩ = ca. 80)

ACCOMP. *mf*

8 PART I *mf*

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el.

PART II

* Unison voices should sing Part I throughout. Also available for 3-part mixed voices, No. 19964. Parts for percussion (shekere, high drum and low drum), No. 19967, and a full performance/accompaniment compact disc, No. 19966, are available separately.

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Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el. —

mf

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el. —

16

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el. —

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el. —

20

cresc. poco a poco

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el. —

cresc. poco a poco

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el. —

cresc. poco a poco

24

25 *f*

Sing we all ___ No - el! ___

f

Now sing No -

27

Sing we all ___ No - el! ___

Sing we all ___ No - el! ___

el! Now sing No - el!

30

Sing we all ___ No - el! ___

Now sing No - el! Sing No - el!

33 *mf*

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el.

mf

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el.

mf

37 *mp*

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el.

mp

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el.

mp

41 *f*

45

(49) SOLO (or Parts I & II unison)

mf

Long a - go — one win - ter night, —

mf

53 *mp* TUTTI *mf* SOLO

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el. Little

mp

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el.

mp

57

ba - by was born, — it was quite a sight. —

mf

61 *mp* TUTTI *mf* SOLO

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el. The

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el.

an - gels sang — with a glo - ri - ous sound. —

69 *mf* TUTTI *f* SOLO

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el. When the

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el.

73

ba - by was born — down in Beth - le - hem town. —

f

77 TUTTI
mf cresc. poco a poco

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el. —

mf cresc. poco a poco

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el. —

mf cresc. poco a poco

81 *f*

Sing we all — No-el! — Sing we all — No-el! —

f

Now sing No - el! Now sing No -

85 *f*

Sing we all — No-el! — Sing we all — No-el! —

el! Now sing No - el! Sing No - el!

89 *mf*

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el.

mf

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el.

93 *mp*

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el.

mp

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el.

97 *mf*

101

105 *mf*

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el.

mf

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el.

109 *cresc. poco a poco*

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el.

cresc. poco a poco

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No - el, No - el.

cresc. poco a poco

113 *f*

Sing we all — No - el! — Sing we all — No - el! —

f

Now sing No - el!

116 *f*

— Sing we all — No - el! —

Now sing No - el! Now sing No -

119

Sing we all — No-el! — No - el! —

el! No - el! —