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Foreword

Classical composers have been writing piano music for the holiday season for at least four centuries. The aim of this collection is to provide some of the best seasonal piano pieces available. *Classical Piano Music for the Christmas Season* includes a wide selection of pieces that represent both the sacred and secular traditions that abound during the Christmas holiday.

This edition is dedicated to Virginia Bigelow,
with appreciation and admiration.

Maurice Hinson

A Rose Is Gently Blooming

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)
Op. 122, No. 8

(Andantino tranquillo ♩ = ca. 69)

p dolce (*espressivo*)

3 1 5 4 2 4 2 2 1 5 1 1 3

(p) *(mf)*

6 *mf* 5 1 3 1 5 4 2 2 1 1 1

8 *mp* 5 1 4 3 1 5 4 1 5 2 1 4 1 *poco rit.*

The Shepherds at the Manger

In dulci jubilo (In Sweet Joy)

Franz Liszt (1811–1886)

S. 186:3

Allegretto pastorale (♩. = ca. 54)

mf *un poco marcato* *mf* *marcato*

(a) **(b)**

(c) *pedal every first-half of the measure*

dim.

dim.

(a) Pedal indications are Liszt's, except those in parentheses.

(b) Fingerings in italics are Liszt's.

(c) Liszt's indication.