## A HOLIDAY JAZZ TRIO

### 1. Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

Arranged by MICHELE WEIR

for S.S.A.A. voices, a cappella\*

Words by SAMMY CAHN Music by JULE STYNE

Swing feel (J = ca. 126)



Oh, the weath-er out - side is does-n't show signs of

fright ful, stop ping, but the fire is so and I brought some corn

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<sup>\*</sup>Also available for S.A.T.B. (25072)

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### 2. I'll Be Home for Christmas

for S.S.A.A. voices, a cappella

Arranged by MICHELE WEIR

Words by KIM GANNON Music by WALTER KENT



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# 3. Jingle Bell Rock

for S.S.A.A. voices, a cappella

Arranged by MICHELE WEIR

Words and Music by **JOE BEAL** and **JIM BOOTHE** 



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#### **Performance Notes**

#### Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

- 1. Every effort should be made to use a speech-like approach to pronunciation of the text. For example, a soft "t" should be used in the word "frightful," just as in normal conversation.
- 2. To achieve a great swing feel, singers should maintain an "inner rhythm" feeling of triplets at all times. For example, a rhythmic passage like this:



Should feel like this:



3. To allow dissonances in the chord voicings to sound with clarity, this piece should be sung with no vibrato.

#### I'll Be Home for Christmas

- 1. Every effort should be made to use a speech-like approach to pronunciation of the text. For example, in the phrase love light gleans," a soft "t" should be used in the word "light," just as in normal conversation.
- 2. To allow dissonances in the chord voicings to sound with clarity, this piece should be sung with no vibrato, generally. However, sopranos may add a little vibrato toward the end of held notes to warm the sound.
- 3. The pacing of the rubato should be slow enough to be fluid and create a feeling of relaxation, but not so stow that the conversational quality is lost, or held chords feel static.
- 4. All phrases should be very legato and have a sense of forward musical line.

#### Jingle Bell Rock

- 1. Every effort should be made to use a speech-like approach to pronunciation of the text. For example, in the phrase "pick up your feet," a soft "t" should be used in the word "feet," just as in normal conversation.
- 2. To achieve a great swing feel, singers should maintain an "inner rhythm" feeling of triplets at all times. For example, a rhythmic passage like this:



Should feel like this:



- 3. To allow dissonances in the chord voicings to sound with clarity, this piece should be sung with no vibrato.
- 4. Each quarter note "doot" in the backgrounds at m. 11-16 should be long and have a sense of weight. It's easy to "rush" during this section. Rhythruse patience is the key!
- 5. Enjoy and slightly exaggerate the "k" whenever the word, "rock" is sung, especially on the final measure.
- 6. For all phrases that begin on the "and" of bear one (such as m. 25 and m. 29-31), singers should take a short rhythmic breath on beat one, *in tempo*. The idea of taking breaths in rhythm is an important aspect of promoting rhythmic vitality and good swing feel in general.



