



A Holst Christmas

Featuring *In the Bleak Midwinter*, *Lullay My Liking* and excerpts from *Christmas Day*

GUSTAV HOLST

Arranged by DOUGLAS E. WAGNER (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

1	Conductor	4	F Horn	1	Percussion
1	1st Flute	1	1st B♭ Trumpet		(Suspended Cymbal/ Triangle)
1	2nd Flute	1	2nd B♭ Trumpet	8	1st Violin
2	Oboe	3	Trombone	8	2nd Violin
1	1st B♭ Clarinet	1	Tuba	5	3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)
1	2nd B♭ Clarinet	2	Mallet Percussion (Chimes, Bells)	5	Viola
2	Bassoon	1	Timpani (C-F)	5	Cello
1	B♭ Bass Clarinet			5	String Bass

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Written as a sequel to the highly successful *A Vaughan Williams Christmas* (BFOM03002), this artfully crafted medley includes rich scoring that creates a satisfying musical experience, with care taken to insure that all technical demands are well within the parameters at this level. The arrangement may be played by strings alone, or with the addition of any combination of wind and/or percussion parts.

PROGRAM NOTES

This diverse sampling of Christmas music by Gustav Holst includes three items from his catalog of works. First we hear "In the Bleak Midwinter" (m. 3). No doubt Holst's most famous carol tune, this was written in 1904 at the request of R. Vaughan Williams for inclusion in the first edition of the English Hymnal. The music is paired to a text by Christina Rossetti (1830–1894). Next comes "Lullay My Liking" (m. 43), which was first published in 1919. Holst's original music supports an anonymous fifteenth-century text. We finish with excerpts from "Christmas Day." Most of *A Holst Christmas* is based on material drawn from the composer's tightly woven 1910 medley of standard carol tunes, a work that was written specifically for performance by his adult music students at Morley College. Titles excerpted are "Good Christmas Men, Rejoice" (m. 26), "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" (m. 51), "Come Ye Lofty, Come Ye Lowly" (m. 73), and "The First Nowell" (m. 86).

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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Bob Phillips
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(featuring In the Bleak Midwinter, Lullay My Liking and excerpts from Christmas Day)

CONDUCTOR SCORE

Gustav Holst

Duration - 4:15

Arranged by Douglas E. Wagner (ASCAP)

Flowingly, with expression (♩ = 72)

3 “In the Bleak Midwinter”

Flutes
I
II

Oboe

B♭ Clarinets
I
II

Bassoon
(B♭ Bass Clarinet)

F Horn

B♭ Trumpets
I
II

Trombone

Tuba

Mallet Percussion
(Chimes/Bells)
Tune: C-F

Timpani
(C-F)

Percussion
(Suspended Cymbal/
Triangle)
Sus. Cym.

Flowingly, with expression (♩ = 72)

3 "In the Bleak Midwinter"

The musical score is for measures 1 through 5 of the piece "In the Bleak Midwinter". It is written for Violins I and II, Viola (Violin III), Cello, and String Bass. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo/mood is "Flowingly, with expression" with a quarter note equal to 72 beats per minute. The score includes dynamic markings such as *mf* (mezzo-forte), *f* (forte), and *mp* (mezzo-piano), along with crescendo and decrescendo hairpins. Measure 1 starts with a whole rest for Violins I and II, and a half note for the other instruments. Measure 2 features a crescendo for Violins I and II, and a decrescendo for the other instruments. Measure 3 begins with a decrescendo for Violins I and II, and a crescendo for the other instruments. Measures 4 and 5 continue the melodic lines for all instruments, with a final decrescendo for Violins I and II in measure 5.

11

Fls. I *mp* *< mf*

Fls. II *mp* *< mf*

Ob. *mf* *mp*

Cls. I *mf* *mp*

Cls. II *mf* *mp*

Bsn. (B $\flat$ B. Cl.) *mf* *mp*

Hn. *mf* *mp*

Tpts. I

Tpts. II

Trb. *mf* *mp*

Tuba *mf* *mp*

Mlt. Perc.

Timp. *p*

Perc.

11

Vlns. I *f* *mf*

Vlns. II *mf* *mp*

Vla. (Vln. III) *mf* *mp*

Cello *mf* *mp*

Str. Bass *mf* *mp*

6 7 8 9 10 11

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B $\flat$ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

rit.

mf

mf

p *mp* *p*

mp *f*

f *mf* *mp* *mf*

rit.

12 13 14 15 16 17

18 Quicker, lightly (♩ = 96)

Violins I and II, Viola (Violin III), Cello, and String Bass. The score includes a large red 'Copyright' watermark.

26

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B $\flat$ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

This block contains the musical notation for measures 26 through 34 for the woodwind and percussion section. The instruments listed are Flutes (I, II), Oboe, Clarinets (I, II), Bassoon (B $\flat$ B. Cl.), Horn, Trumpets (I, II), Trombone, Tuba, Mallet Percussion, Timpani, and Percussion. The key signature has one flat (B $\flat$). Measures 26-29 show mostly rests for the woodwinds, while measures 30-34 feature active parts for the Clarinets and Bassoon, marked *mf*. The brass instruments (Horn, Trumpets, Trombone, Tuba) play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. The percussion section (Mlt. Perc., Timp., Perc.) has rests throughout this passage.

26

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

This block contains the musical notation for measures 26 through 34 for the string section. The instruments listed are Violins (I, II), Viola (Vln. III), Cello, and String Bass. The key signature has one flat (B $\flat$). Measures 26-29 show active parts for all strings. Measures 30-34 feature a more active role for the Violins and Viola, with some notes marked with a 'V' (likely indicating a breath mark or a specific articulation). The Cello and String Bass continue with a steady rhythmic pattern.

35

poco rit.

Fls. I *mf*

Fls. II *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Cls. I

Cls. II

Bsn. (B $\flat$ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I

Tpts. II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc. Bells *mf*

Timp.

Perc.

35

poco rit.

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42

"Lullay My Liking"

43 Freely (♩ = 88)

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B♭ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Change: C to B♭

"Lullay My Liking"

43 Freely (♩ = 88)

Vlms. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

51

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B $\flat$ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

51

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57

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59

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B $\flat$ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

59

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65

This musical score page contains measures 58 through 65. The instruments are arranged in a standard orchestral layout. Measures 58-61 show active parts for Flutes I & II, Oboe, Clarinets I & II, Bassoon, Horn, Trumpets I & II, Trombone, and Tuba. Measures 62-65 show the strings (Violins I & II, Viola, Cello, and String Bass) and the percussion section (Mallet Percussion, Timpani, and General Percussion) joining in. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

69 (♩ = ♩.) rit.

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B♭ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

69 (♩ = ♩.) rit. div.

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

66 67 68 69 70 71 72

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73 With animation (♩ = 120)

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn.
(B♭ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

p

mp

73 With animation (♩ = 120)

Vlns. I II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

mp slightly detached

mp slightly detached

mp slightly detached

mp slightly detached

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B $\flat$ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

79 80 81 82 83 84

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93

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B $\flat$ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

mf

93

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

91

92

93

94

95

rit.

101 Slower (♩ = 96)

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B♭ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Change: B♭ to C

Sus. Cym.

mp

rit.

101 Slower (♩ = 96)

96 97 98 99 100 101

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Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B $\flat$ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

102 103 104 105 106 107 108

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109 A bit slower (♩. = 88)

Fls. I *mp*

Fls. II *mp*

Ob.

Cls. I

Cls. II

Bsn. (B♭ B. Cl.)

Hn. *mp*

Tpts. I

Tpts. II

Trb. *mp*

Tuba *mp*

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

109 A bit slower (♩. = 88)

Vlms. I *mp*

Vlms. II *mf*

Vla. (Vln. III) *mp*

Cello *mp*

Str. Bass *mp*

mf

V

V

V

209 110 111 112 113 114 115

117

rit.

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B $\flat$ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

mf

mp

117

rit.

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123

126 Quietly (♩ = 69) rit. (♩ = ♩.)

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B♭ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Chimes

Vlins. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

124 125 126 127 128 129 130

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