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A VAUGHAN WILLIAMS CHRISTMAS

O Little Town of Bethlehem (Forest Green) •
Gloucestershire Carol • The Sussex Carol

for 3-part mixed voices and piano
with optional Orchestra and/or Concert Band and SoundTrax CD*

Traditional Lyrics
Adapted by CHARLOTTE LEE

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Moderately (♩ = ca. 92)

PART I
PART II

PART III

Moderately (♩ = ca. 92)

PIANO

mp

4

mp [5]

O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how

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still we see thee lie. A - bove thy deep and

10 dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by. Yet

13 in thy dark streets shin - eth an ev - er - last - ing

16 17

light; _____ the hopes and fears of _____ all _____ the _____ years are

mf

19 *poco rit.* *Slower (♩. = ca. 63)* *mp*

met in _____ thee to - night.

mp

Slower (♩. = ca. 63) *mp*

poco rit.

22 Good cheer! *PART II only*

Good cheer! _____ "Good cheer," we hear _____ all

Good cheer! _____

o - ver the town, — in car - ols of mer - ri - ment up street and down. Glad

mu - sic — at - tends this — joy - ous day, as — sad-ness and — sor-row to

ALL 32
mf

pleas-ure give way. Come in from the cold and — weath-er out - side; — step

34

in - to the warmth by the fire — to bide. Join neigh - bors — and — friends, come —

37

stran - gers as well, to — cel - e - brate a glad - some No - el. Let

40

all who have breath — on this glo - ri - ous day — in

42

full - voiced ex - cite - ment ex - ult - ant - ly say: "Good

44

luck — and — good — health to — all — who are near," that —

46

rich - es and bless - ings will fol - low all year.

mf

48

PART I only *mf*

This

51

win - ter night, all peo - ple sing and make the skies ____ with

mf

54

ALL *mf*

mu - sic ring. This win - ter night, all peo - ple sing and

59 PART II only

mp

57

make the skies — with mu - sic ring.

Mu - sic of

60

joy — and of — great mirth,

ALL
*mf**mf*

mu - sic that

63

o - ver spreads — the earth.

*mp**mf*

Lift

*mp**mp*

66

up your hearts, cast doubt — a - side. Bring joy to all — this

mf

Ding dong ding dong ding dong

mf

69

Christ - mas - tide. Lift up your hearts, cast doubt — a - side. Bring

ding dong. Ding dong ding dong

mf

74

joy to all — this Christ - mas - tide. Joy that puts

p

ding dong ding dong.

p

75

wor - ries and trou - bles to flight,

77

joy that turns dark - ness in - to

79

Piu mosso (♩ = ca. 80)

light. This

Piu mosso (♩ = ca. 80)

82 (♩ = ♩.)

win - ter night, all peo - ple sing and make the skies — with

This system contains measures 82, 83, and 84. The melody is in 6/8 time with a tempo of ♩ = ♩. The lyrics are: "win - ter night, all peo - ple sing and make the skies — with".

(♩ = ♩.)

This system contains the piano accompaniment for measures 82, 83, and 84. The tempo is ♩ = ♩.

85

(♩ = ♩.)

mu - sic ring.

This system contains measures 85 and 86. The tempo is ♩ = ♩. The lyrics are: "mu - sic ring.".

(♩ = ♩.)

This system contains the piano accompaniment for measures 85 and 86. The tempo is ♩ = ♩.

89

(♩ = ♩.)

This win - ter night, all peo - ple sing and

This system contains measures 87 and 88. The tempo is ♩ = ♩. The lyrics are: "This win - ter night, all peo - ple sing and".

(♩ = ♩.)

This system contains the piano accompaniment for measures 87 and 88. The tempo is ♩ = ♩.

91

(♩. = ♩.)

make the skies — with mu - sic ring.

2

(♩. = ♩.)

94

(♩. = ♩.)

Mu - sic of

(♩. = ♩.)

97

(♩. = ♩.)

joy — and of — great mirth.

(♩. = ♩.)

100 *poco rit.* ***f***

Sing ***f***

poco rit.

103 (♩ = ♩.) *accel.* *cresc.*

joy, sing joy, sing joy,

cresc.

(♩ = ♩.) ***f*** *accel.* *cresc.*

106 *rit.* ***ff***

sing joy!

ff

rit. ***ff***

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