

CAROLS

for Solo Singers

10 Seasonal Favorites Arranged for Solo Voice and Piano
For Recitals and Concerts

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Piano accompaniments were recorded by Sally K. Albrecht at Red Rock Recording in Saylorsburg, PA.



Cover Art: *Madonna with Child*, ca. 1997
by Sancilius Ismael (Haitian, 1940–2000)
Acrylic on canvas (8" X 10")

From the collection of Jay Althouse and Sally K. Albrecht

About the cover: Haitian art was largely unknown outside Haiti until the early 1940s when it was "discovered" by an American school teacher named Dewitt Peters. Haitian folk painters embrace various styles, ranging from primitive, voodoo-influenced works to the refined and complex painting of Sancilius Ismael. Born in L'Artibonite, Ismael studied briefly at the Centre d'Art in Port-au-Prince. *Madonna with Child* exemplifies his style of meticulously detailed and colorful work.



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1. AMID THE COLD OF WINTER

(In the Bleak Midwinter/Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming)

Arranged by
BRET RHOADES

Expressively, with some freedom (♩ = ca. 84-92)

mp

*In the bleak mid -

4

win - ter, fros - ty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as

8

i - ron, wa - ter like a stone.

* In the Bleak Midwinter: Music by Gustav Holst (1874-1934); Words by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894).

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2. GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

Arranged, with additional words and music, by
DONALD MOORE (ASCAP)

Traditional English Carol

Swing, like a jazz waltz (♩ = ca. 152)

The score is written in 5/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three systems of music. The first system shows the piano introduction, starting with a treble clef staff that is mostly empty, and a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with piano accompaniment. The piano part begins with a *mf* dynamic and includes a *decresc.* marking. The second system starts at measure 4 and includes a vocal line with lyrics: "God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let win - try night in Beth - le - hem a". The piano accompaniment continues with a *mp* dynamic. A box containing the number "5" is placed above the vocal line at the start of the second system. The third system starts at measure 7 and includes a vocal line with lyrics: "noth - ing you dis - may, re - mem - ber, Christ, our bless - ed an - gel came, and un - to cer - tain". The piano accompaniment continues throughout.