

# DECEMBER CANON

for 2-part voices and piano  
with optional SoundTrax\*

*Words and Music by*  
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**Freely (♩ = ca. 96)**

Piano part in 3/4 time, key signature of three flats. Dynamics: **p**, **p**, **p**, **p**, **p**, **p**. Measure 4 includes a **rit.** (ritardando).

**Flowing (♩ = ca. 108)**

ALL VOICES (*unison*)

Measure 5: ALL VOICES (*unison*) in 3/4 time, key signature of three flats. Dynamics: **p**. The vocal line consists of sustained notes with eighth-note grace patterns above them.

**9**

Measure 9: ALL VOICES (*unison*) in 3/4 time, key signature of three flats. The vocal line includes lyrics: "wind is cold, the branch - es bare, but". The piano accompaniment features eighth-note chords.

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hearts are warm \_\_\_\_\_ and bright for

The music consists of three staves. The top staff has a treble clef, the middle staff has a treble clef, and the bottom staff has a bass clef. The key signature is one flat. The lyrics "hearts are warm \_\_\_\_\_ and bright for" are written below the notes.

17

there is peace and hope to share this

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won - drous win - ter night in De -

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25

PART I only ***mp***

cem - ber. The

*cresc.*

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**29**

PART I

wind is cold, — the branch - es bare, but  
*mp*

PART II

The

**33**

hearts are warm — and bright for

wind is cold, the branch - es bare, but

**37**

there is peace and hope — to share this

hearts are warm — and bright for

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won - drous win - ter night in De -  
there is peace and hope to share this  
cem - ber.

45

won - drous win - ter night in De -  
cem - ber.

49

*mf*

We

*mf*

cem - ber. We

*cresc.*

53

kin - dle the spark of kind - ness, we  
kin - dle the spark of kind - ness, we

57

reach out in joy - ful song. And  
reach out in joy - ful song. And

61

so, we re - mem - ber the light of De - cem - ber can  
so, we re - mem - ber the light of De - cem - ber can

65

shine on us all year long.

shine on us all year long.

69 *rit.*

**71** *mp a tempo*

The wind is cold, \_\_\_\_\_ the

*rit.*

*a tempo*  
*mp*

73

branch - es bare, but hearts are warm \_\_\_\_\_ and

*mp*

The wind is cold, \_\_\_\_\_ the

*rit.*

*a tempo*  
*mp*

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SMALL GROUP  
(approx. one third of the singers)

*mp*

79

The wind is cold, — the  
bright for there is peace and  
branch - es bare, but hearts are warm and

branch - es bare, but hearts are warm — and  
hope to share this won - drous win - ter  
bright for there is peace and

bright for there is peace and

night in De - cem - ber.

hope to share this won - drous win - ter

hope to share this won - drous win - ter

hope to share this won - drous win - ter

night in De - cem - ber.

hope to share this won - drous win - ter

93

night in De - cem - ber.

97

rit.

*p*

In De - cem - ber.

rit.

*p*

In De - cem - ber.

*p*

In De - cem - ber.

8va

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