BOOK TWO

CHRISTMAS SONGS & SOLOS

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FOREWORD

This collection of holiday piano arrangements is approximately equivalent in difficulty to *Alfred's Basic Piano Library*, Levels 3–4, or any fourth or fifth piano course book. It offers a variety of choices:

Easy or challenging
Simple or elaborate
Short or long
Accompaniments for voice or piano solo

There are two versions of each piece, with the exception of "O Holy Night" which has the song and solo combined into one version. The **song** versions are provided with words and have a simple, traditional, chordal treatment. Students will enjoy learning a group of them quickly for lessons during the short Christmas season or for accompaniments for family, church or school sing-alongs. The **solo** versions include introductions and codas, and have fuller harmonizations. They are suitable for special solos for school, church Christmas programs or for a greater challenge during weekly piano lessons.

The use of both versions may be combined in various ways. One year the student may learn the easier song versions, plus one or two solo versions for special occasions, and the next year learn the remaining solo versions. The song and solo versions may also be performed consecutively for a longer arrangement, and siblings in two different piano course levels may use the same book.

I hope you enjoy a Merry Christmas with my musical Christmas gift especially for you!

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It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

SOLO VERSION

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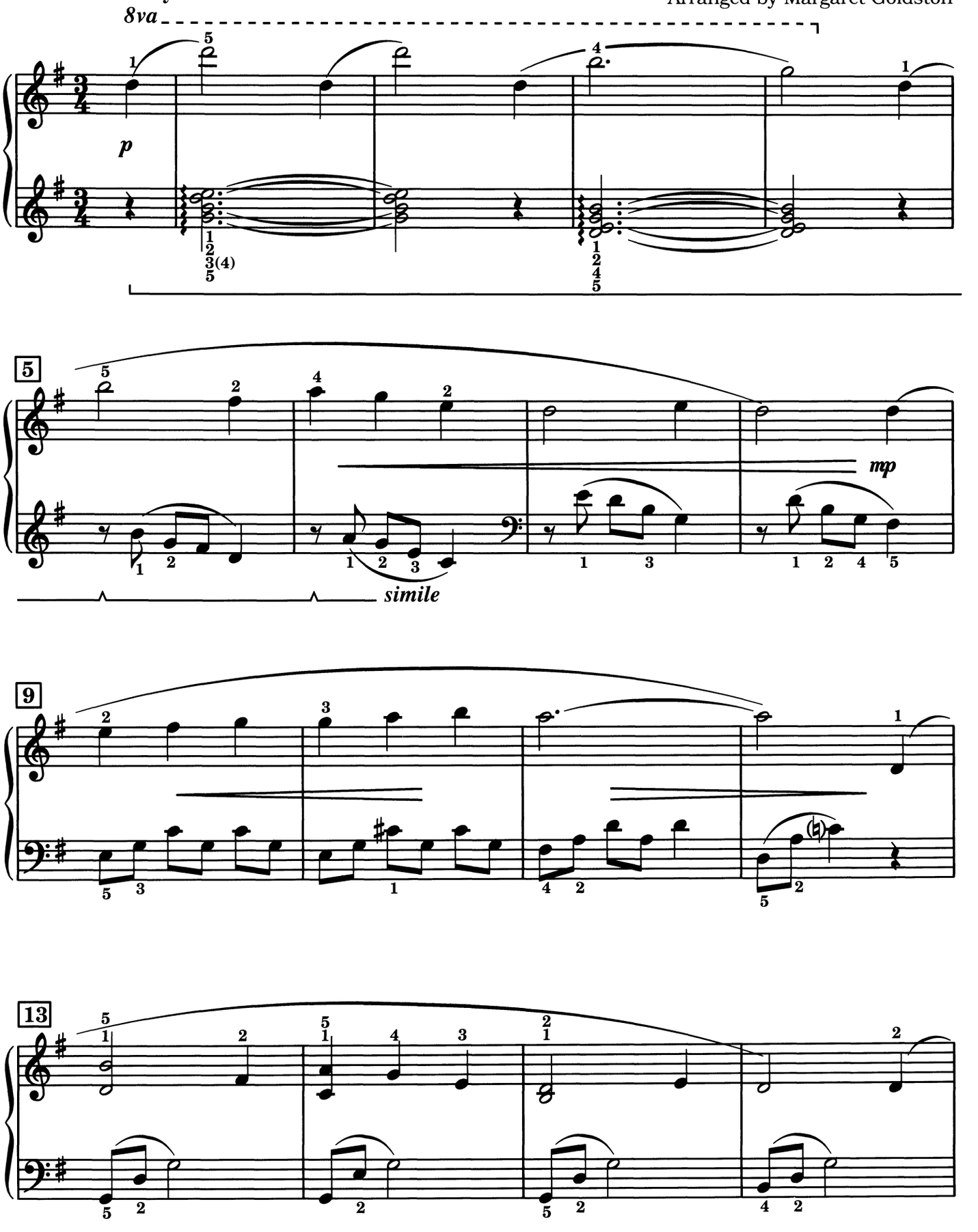

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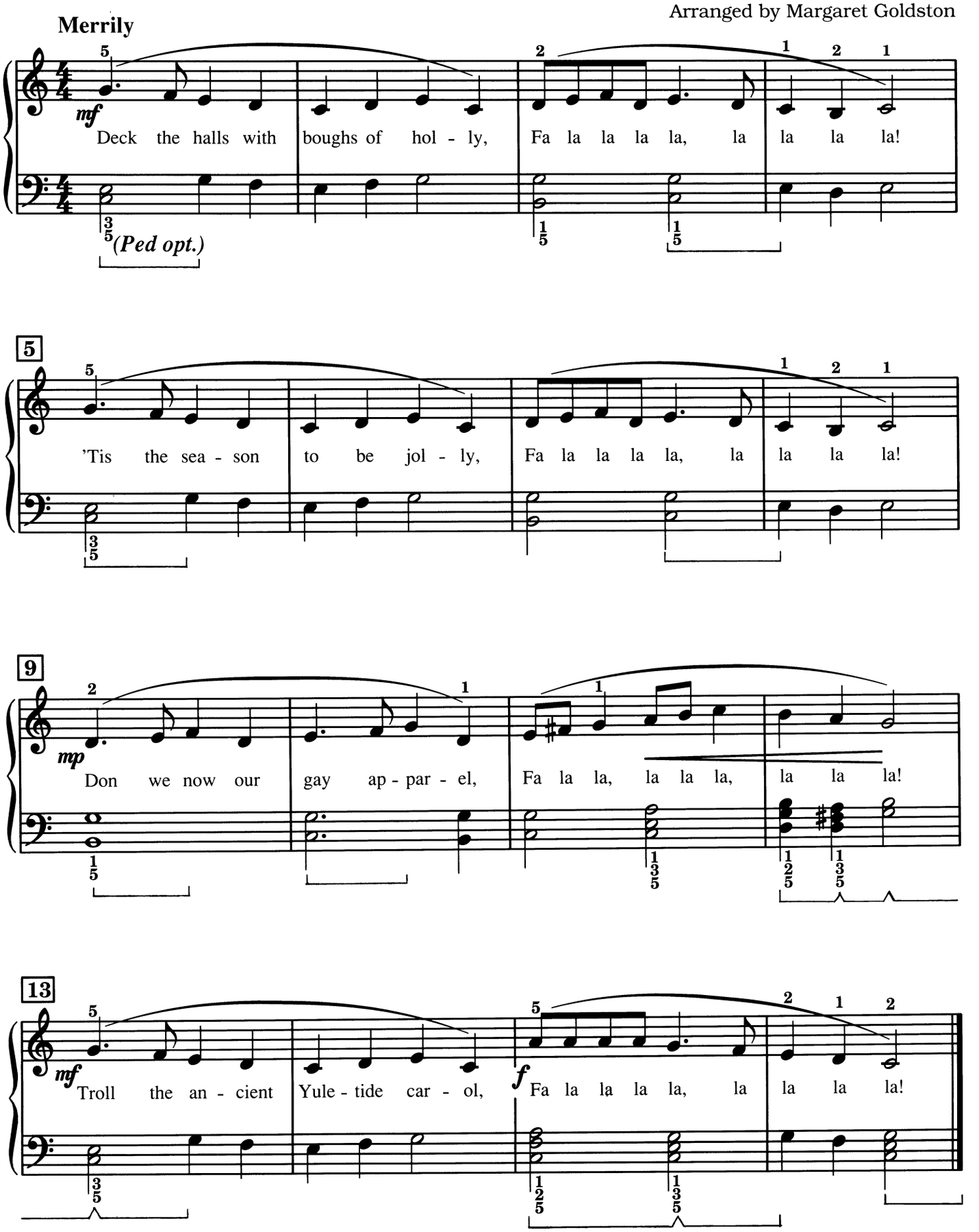
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