

THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY

(Carol of the Drum)

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Steadily (♩ = ca. 126)

The musical score is arranged in four systems. The first system is a piano introduction in G major, 4/4 time, marked 'mp' (mezzo-piano). It features chords E2(no 3rd), Gm6/A, and D. The second system continues the piano introduction with chords Bbmaj7/D, Gm6/A, and D2. The third system begins the vocal entry with the lyrics 'Come, they told me, pa rum pum pum pum,'. It includes a vocal line in G major and a piano accompaniment line with chords D2(no 3rd), Gm6/A, and D2. The fourth system continues the vocal line with the lyrics 'Our new-born King to see, pa rum pum pum pum,'. It includes a vocal line in G major and a piano accompaniment line with chords D2(no 3rd), Gm6/A, and D2. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid diagonally across the score.

mp

E2(no 3rd) Gm6/A D

Bbmaj7/D Gm6/A D2

mp

Come, they told me, pa rum pum pum pum, _____

D2(no 3rd) Gm6/A D2

Our new-born King to see, pa rum pum pum pum, _____

D2(no 3rd) Gm6/A D2

[19] Our fin-est gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum, _____

Em7/ A A Em7/ A A Em7/ A

To lay be - fore the King, pa rum pum pum pum rum pum pum pum

A7 D2 Em7/ D Am7/ G G Em7/ D D

rum pum pum pum; _____ So to hon - or Him, pa

Em7/ A [31] D2(no 3rd)

rum pum pum pum, _____ When _ we come. _____

Gm6/ A D2 Em7/ A D2

41 *mf*

Ba - by Je - su, pa

41 E2 *mf*

rum pum pum pum, _____ I am a poor boy, too, pa

F#m7/B E2

rum pum pum pum, _____ I have no gift to bring, pa

F#m7/B E2 B(no 3rd) B A/B

rum pum pum pum, _____ That's fit to give a King, pa

B B2(no 3rd) B7 E A/E

rum pum pum pum rum pum pum pum rum pum pum pum. _____

D/A A A/E E B2(no 3rd)

63 Shall I play for You, pa rum pum pum pum. _____

63 E2(no 3rd) B(no 3rd) E2 F#m7(b5)/C E2

71 On _ my drum? _____

B2(no 3rd) E F#su 71 G2 A/D G2

f

(opt. 8vb L.H. cont.)

75 Ma - ry nod - ded, pa rum pum pum pum. _____

A/D 75 G D G A/D G

The ox and ass kept time, pa rum pum pum pum.

A $\flat$ /D G D G A $\flat$ /D G

I played my drum for Him, pa rum pum pum pum.

85

I played my best for Him, pa rum pum pum pum rum pum pum pum

E $\flat$ /D D G C/G F/C C C/G G

rum pum pum pum.

95 D E $\flat$ D E $\flat$ D E $\flat$ D

p

Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum

ff *p*

E $\flat$ D G 2 D G Cm 6 /E $\flat$

pum, _____

G 2

Me and my drum.

A $\flat$ /D B $\flat$ /D A $\flat$ /D G 2 (no 3rd)

108

rum rum pum pum rum rum pum

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Fine

pum rum rum pum pum pum pum

Fine

p

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