

THE MOST PRECIOUS GIFT

Three-Part Mixed, accompanied

Performance time: approx. 4:00

Words and Music by
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From the heart (♩ = ca. 74)

ACCOMP.

mp

(unis.) *mp* 5

I We have the tree, we have the lights, we have the rib - bons and the

II

III

5

9 bows, we have the or - na - ments and the gar - lands, and the sprigs of mis - tle -

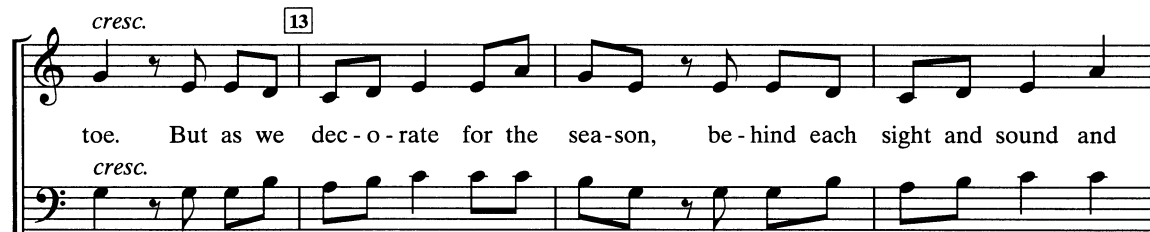
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cresc. 13



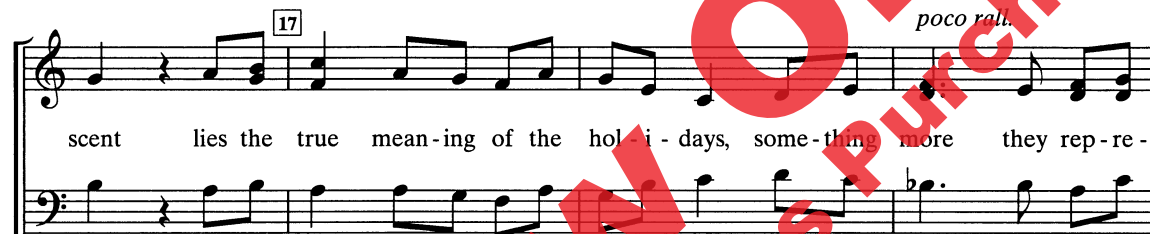
toe. But as we dec-o-rate for the sea-son, be-hind each sight and sound and

cresc.

cresc. 13



17 *poco rall.*

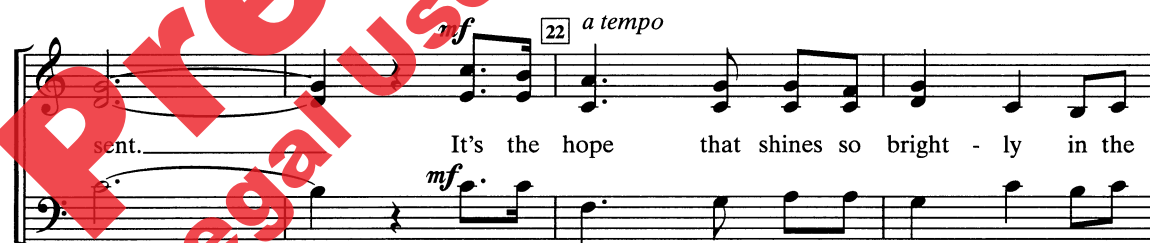


scent lies the true mean-ing of the hol-i-days, some-thing more they rep-re-

17 *poco rall.*



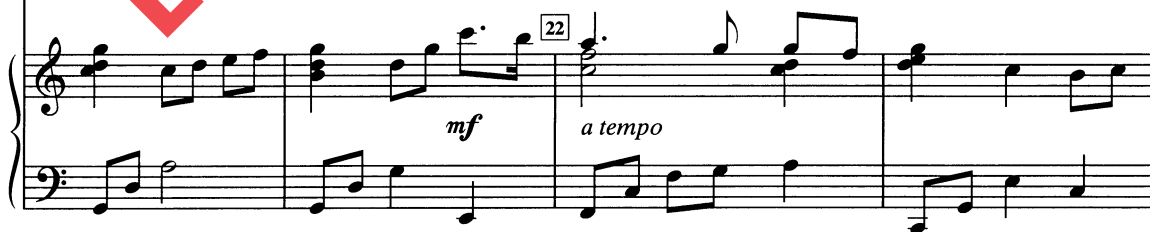
mf 22 *a tempo*



sent. It's the hope that shines so bright - ly in the

mf

22 *mf* *a tempo*



can - dles that are lit. It's the thought be - hind each pres - ent and the

love be - hind each gift. It's the faith that we'll re - mem - ber through De -

cem - ber and be - yond, what we real - ly need is each oth - er. That's the

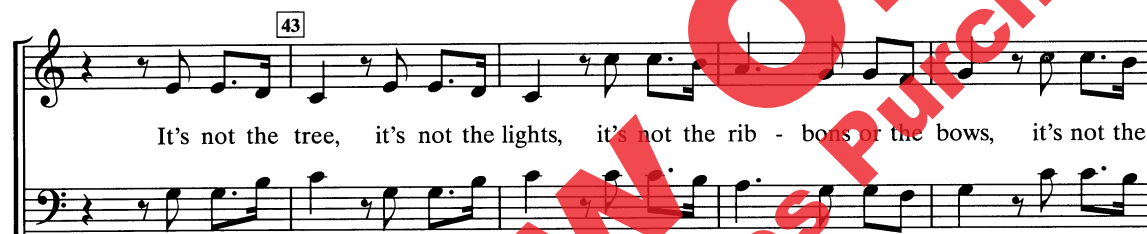
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most pre-cious gift of all.

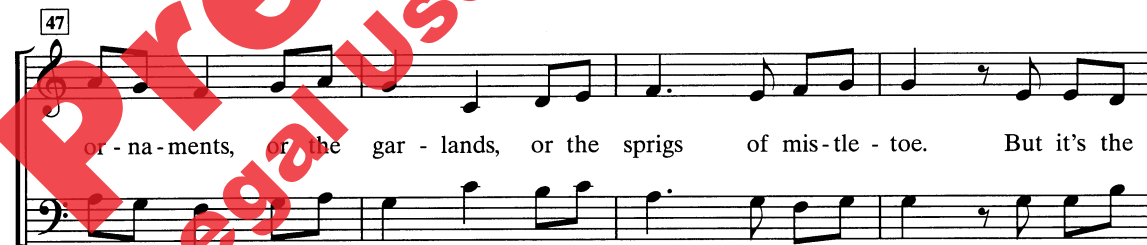


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It's not the tree, it's not the lights, it's not the rib - bons or the bows, it's not the



43



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or - na - ments, or the gar - lands, or the sprigs of mis - tle - toe. But it's the



47

51 *cresc.*

time that's spent in pre - par-ing ev-'ry sight and sound and scent. It's the

cresc.

51 *cresc.*

55 *poco rall.*

kind - heart-ed - ness and car - ing that they tru - ly rep - re - sent.

55 *poco rall.*

mf 60 *a tempo*

It's the hope that shines so bright - ly in the can - dles that are

mf

60 *mf* *a tempo*

64

lit. It's the thought be-hind each pres-ent and the love be-hind each

64

68

gift. It's the faith that we'll re-mem-ber through De-cem-ber and be-

68

72

yond, what we real-ly need, what we cher-ish,

rall.

72

rall.

76

that's the most pre-cious gift of all, of all. What we

76

80 Slowly

real-ly need is each oth-er. That's the most

80 Slowly

85

pre-cious gift of all.

p

85

p

