

# On Christmas Night

## Sussex carol

Words: Traditional

Music: English traditional carol,  
melody collected by Ralph Vaughan Williams,  
arranged by BRYAN KELLY

**Giocoso**

SOPRANO  
ALTO

TENOR  
BASS

ORGAN

*f*

*f*

Ped.

1. On

5

Christ - mas night all Christ - ians sing, To hear the news the an - gels bring, On

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9

S.  
A.

T.  
B.

Christ - mas night all Christ - ians sing, To hear the news the an - gels bring,

13

News of great joy, news of great mirth, News of our

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of music, measures 13 through 16. It features a grand staff with a treble clef on the top staff and a bass clef on the bottom staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: "News of great joy, news of great mirth, News of our". The music consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, with some notes marked with accents.

17

S. A. mer - ci - ful King's birth.

T. B.

ORG.

Ped.

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Detailed description: This block contains the second system of music, measures 17 through 20. It includes vocal parts for Soprano Alto (S. A.) and Tenor Bass (T. B.), and an Organ (ORG.) part. The lyrics for the vocal parts are: "mer - ci - ful King's birth." The organ part has a complex texture with many sixteenth notes. A large red watermark "PROMOTIONAL COPY for reading only" is overlaid on the organ part. A "Ped." (pedal) marking is present below the organ part.

21

2. Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since our Re-deem - er

*ben marcato*

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of music, measures 21 through 24. It features a vocal line and a grand staff for the organ. The lyrics are: "2. Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since our Re-deem - er". The organ part begins with a dynamic marking of *f* (forte) and includes the instruction *ben marcato*. The organ part has a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

25

made us glad, Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since our Re-deem - er

*f*

29

made us glad? When from our sin he set us free,

*mf*

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33

All for to gain our li - ber - ty,

*cresc.*

*mf* *cresc.* *f*

Man.

37 *f* gain our li - ber - ty? *ff* 3. When sin de-parts be - fore his grace, Then

3. Then life and health come *ff*

*f* *ff* *legato*

Ped.

41 life and health come in its place, *ff* 3. When sin de-parts be - fore his grace, Then

in its place, come in its place, *ff* 3. Then life and health come

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45 *f* life and health come in its place. An - gels and men with joy may

in its place, come in its place. *f*

49 All for to see the new - born

sing, All for to see the new - born

52 King.

King.

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*mf* *cresc.*

Ped.

55 *ff*

4. All out of dark - ness we\_ have light, Which made the an - - gels

*ff*