

To the Phoenix Singers

December song

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Largo e misterioso

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

ORGAN

p legato

Ped.

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5

pp

De - cem - - ber jour - - ney, _____

pp

9 *p dolce e legato*

lone - - - ly road, Here are two tra -

p dolce e legato

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- vellers, far from home,

*poco cresc.
e sempre legato*

17 *mf*

Bit-ter the wind_ and deep_ the snow,
Bit - - ter the wind,_____

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21 *p*

Bit - ter the wind_ and deep_ the snow,
Song,_____ Song,_____

Song,_____

pp
Celestes *pp*

25

Song that our child-hood used to know, Song that our child - hood
Song, Song, Song, Song, Song that our

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used to know.
child - hood used to know.

- Celestes *p legato*

33 *mf*
 S. Here is the ba - by
 A. *mf*
 Here is the
 T. *mf*
 Beth-le- hem, man - ger, sta - ble and straw,
 B.
 Org.
 Ped.

37 *p dolce*
 Ma - ry bore, Warm breath of ox - en, a
p dolce
 ba - by Ma - ry bore, Warm breath of ox - en, a
p dolce
 Warm breath of ox - en, a
p dolce
 Warm breath of ox - en, a
 Org.
 Ped.

40

cer - tain light,
cer - tain light, a cer - tain light,
cer - tain light, a cer - tain light,
cer - tain light,

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p
S.
A.
T.
B.
Org.
Ped.

Song, Song, Song, of the si - lent,
Song, Song, Song,
Celestes *pp*

47 **poco rit.**

sa - cred night, _____ Song of the si - lent, sa - cred night. _____
 Song, _____ Song, _____ Song of the si - lent, sa - cred night. _____

Solo Flute **poco rit.** Change to Sw.
 - Celestes

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52 **a tempo** *mf* **intenso**

S. A. **a tempo** Fi - re light fli cker, em - ber and spark,

Org. Solo Flute continues, thumbed down

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56

Here are the shep - herds, the shi - ver - ing dark, Pa - tient hours on the Sw.

59

watch - ful hill, Pa - tient hours on the watch - ful hill,

Solo Fl.

63

S.
A.

T.
B.

Org.

Ped.

p

pp

add 16'

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Song, Song, Song, song for the trust - ing,
Song, Song, Song, Song,

Celestes

67

song for the still, Song for the trust - ing, song for
Song, Song, Song for the trust - ing,

70

— the still.
 song for the still.

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f *ff*
 S. Mid - night an - gels, shi - ning wings;
f *ff*
 A. Mid - night an - gels, shi - ning wings;
f *ff*
 T. Mid - night an - gels, shi - ning wings;
f *ff*
 B. Mid - night an - gels, shi - ning wings;
 Org. *mf*
 Ped.

76 *p*

Here is the news that hea - ven brings: Hur-ry__ to Beth-le-hem, see where he lies,

p

Here is the news that hea - ven brings: Hur-ry__ to Beth-le-hem, see where he lies,

p

Here is the news that hea - ven brings: Hur - - ry, hur - - ry,

p

Here is the news that hea - ven brings: Hur - - ry, hur - - ry,

p

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80 *più f cresc.* *f*

Hur - - ry, hur - - ry, Song of the joy - - ful,

più f cresc. *f*

Hur - - ry, hur - - ry, Song of the joy - - ful,

f

Hur-ry__ to Beth-le-hem, see where he lies, Song_____ of the

f

Hur-ry__ to Beth-le-hem, see where he lies, Song_____ of the

cresc.

83

Song of the joy - ful, star - - - lit skies _____

Song of the joy - ful, star - - - lit skies _____

joy - ful, Song of the joy - ful, star - - lit skies. _____

joy - ful, Song of the joy - ful, star - - lit skies. _____

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mf intenso *poco cresc.*
Wise_ men, trea-sure from jew - elled lands,

mf intenso
Wise_ men, trea-sure from jew - elled lands

mf poco cresc.
Fol - low a dream - through

mf intenso, sempre legato *poco cresc.*

90

mf

Frank-in-cense, myrrh and glit-ter-ing gold,

mf

Frank-in-cense, myrrh and glit-ter-ing gold,

de - sert sands,

mf

Fol-low a dream - through de - sert sands,

mf

poco cresc.

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93

poco f

Song more pre - cious than stars are old.

poco f

Song more pre - cious than stars are old.

poco f

Song more pre - cious than stars are old.

poco f

Song more pre - cious than stars are old.

96 **rit.**

Org. *dim.* Sw.

Ped.

100 **Come prima**

p legato

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103 *mp*

S. A. *mp*

Ev - er - green tree, and star, and dove, _____

T. B. *mp*

Org.

Ped.

106

Child in the man-ger, whose name is Love, ___

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110

pp

pp

We kneel, as chil - dren a - gain, ___ at your birth, ___

pp

115

S.I. *p* Song of our hearts, Song of our hearts for a

S.II *p* Song of our

A. A.

T. *p* Song of our hearts,

B. *p* Song of our hearts, song of our

Org. *p legato*

Ped.

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peace - ful earth. Song of our hearts, Song of our

hearts for a peace - ful earth.

p Song of our hearts, song of our hearts,

hearts for a peace - ful earth.

poco rit.

121

hearts, song of our hearts for a peace - ful
 song of our hearts for a peace - ful
 song of our hearts for a peace - - - - - ful
 Song for a peace - ful

poco rit.

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Meno mosso

earth.
 earth.
 earth.
 earth.

Meno mosso

p dim. al fine