

for Belfast Cathedral Choir, Christmas 2008

A Christmas Blessing

For SATB* and Piano (or Organ)

Duration: ca. 2:30

Words from the Church of Ireland
Book of Common Prayer
adapted by PHILIP W.J. STOPFORD

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(*1977)

Smooth and flowing ($\text{♩} = 84$)

Piano
(or Organ)



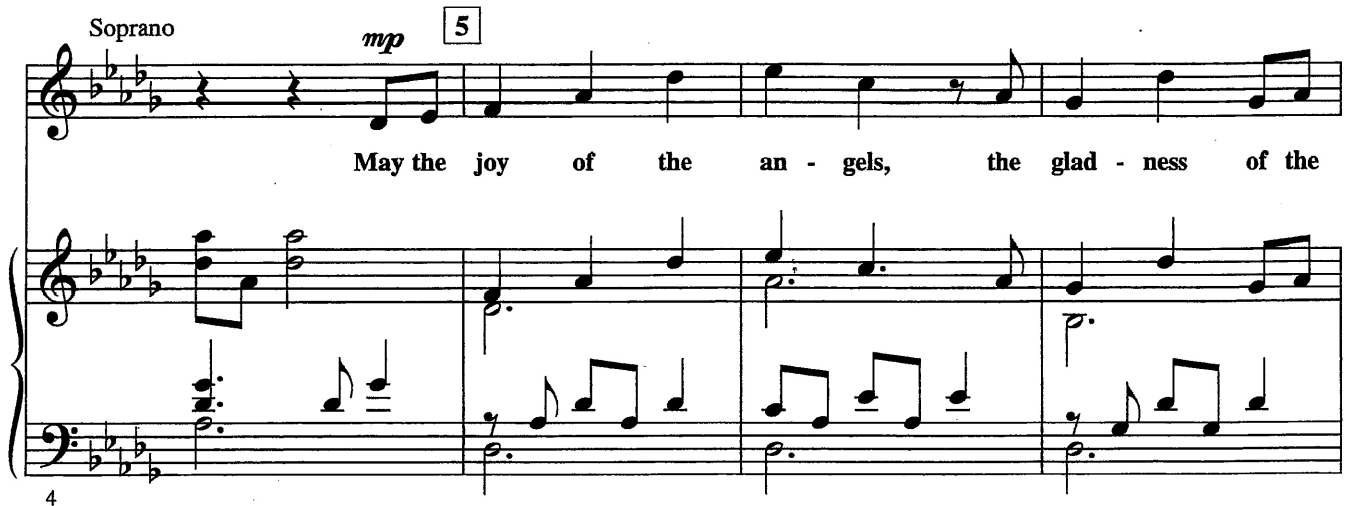
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The piano introduction consists of two staves in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The right hand features a flowing melody with eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Soprano

mp 5

May the joy of the an - gels, the glad - ness of the



4

The vocal line begins on measure 5. The piano accompaniment continues from the previous section, with the right hand playing chords and the left hand playing a rhythmic accompaniment.

shep - herds, the wor - ship of the wise - men and the peace of the



8

The vocal line continues from the previous section. The piano accompaniment provides a steady accompaniment for the vocal line.

* Available separately:
SATB, SSA

Soprano

Christ child be yours, be yours this Christ - mas.

Alto

Tenor

Bass

12

mp 17

May the joy of the an - gels, the glad - ness of the

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shep - herds, the wor - ship of the wise - men and the peace of the

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Christ child be yours, be yours this Christ - mas.

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24

mp 29

May - Christ, who by his in - car -

p

Oo

mp

May - Christ, who by his in - car -

p

Oo

29

na - tion gath - ered in - to one all things earth - ly,

Oo

28

na - tion gath - ered in - to one all things earth - ly,

Oo

na - tion gath - ered in - to one all things earth - ly,

Oo

32

all things heav-en - ly, and fill you with joy, *f*

cresc. fill you with joy, *f*

all things heav-en - ly, and fill you with joy, *f*

cresc. fill you with joy, *f*

36

fill you with joy and peace. *dim.*

fill you with joy and peace. *dim.*

fill you with joy and peace. *dim.*

fill you with joy and peace. *dim.*

40

mp 47

And the bless - ing of

mp

And the bless - ing of

mp

And the bless - ing of

mp

And the bless - ing of

47

p

mp

cresc.

God — the Fa - ther and the Son and the Ho - ly

cresc.

God — the Fa - ther and the Son and the Ho - ly

cresc.

God the Fa - ther and the Son and the Ho - ly

cresc.

God the Fa - ther and the Son and the Ho - ly

cresc.

p

cresc.

Spir - it be with you and re - main with you al - ways, -

Spir - it be with you and re - main with you al - ways, -

Spir - it be with you and re - main with you al - ways, -

Spir - it be with you and re - main with you al - ways, -

52

— with you al - ways, — and re - main with

— with you al - ways, — and re - main with

— with you al - ways, — and re - main with

— with you al - ways, — and re - main with

56

you al - ways. A -

you al - ways.

you al - ways. A -

you al - ways.

Slower *mp*

mp

60

64

men, A - men.

A - men.

men, A - men.

A - men.

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