

CAROLS
SATB and piano

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THE COLOURS
OF CHRISTMAS

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*Domus singula
& Cantus iuvenum*

Tenderly flowing, with flexibility ♩ = 92

ALTOS
mp semplice

VOICES

2 4

Green for the

PIANO

p dolce, semplice

6 8 10

SOPRANOS
mp semplice

i - vy that grows by the wall, White for the mis-tle-toe that

11 13 15

ALTOS
poco cresc.

hangs in the hall; Red for the ber - ries that shine in the

poco cresc.

mp

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16 **SOPRANOS** *mp* 18 20

snow, O - range and yel - low for morn - ing's first glow.

21 **A** **SOPRANOS and ALTOS** *mf* 23 25 *f*

These are the col - ours of Christ - mas:— Let them shine all

mp warmly

26 28 *mf* 30

ov - er the earth;— These are the col - ours of

mp

31 *mp* 33 **poco a poco rall.** 35

hap - pi-ness:— The joy of a new ba - by's birth.

p *mp*

COVO &
Anchor: [B] 37

4

36 **Tempo I** ♩ = 92
mp dolce 39 41 *p*

S. Blue for the robe of his mo-ther so mild, Hum. *p*

A. Blue for the robe of his mo-ther so mild, Hum. *p*

T. *p* Hum. *mp dolce* Gold for the *mp dolce*

B. *p* Hum. Gold for the

[B] **Tempo I** ♩ = 92

p

42 44 45 *mp cresc.*

Sil - ver the star - light to

mp cresc.

Sil - ver the star - light to

pre-cious gifts they brought to the child;

pre-cious gifts they brought to the child;

cresc.

47 *mf* *mp* 49 51

shine through your sleep; And a rain - bow for all the sweet dreams you will

shine through your sleep; And a rain - bow for all the sweet dreams you will

p
Hum

p
Hum

mp *p espress.*

Tutti : **C** ⁵³ Più mosso (tempo di valse) 55

52 *mf* *f*

keep. These are the col - ours of Christ - mas:— Let them

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C Più mosso (tempo di valse)

57

59

61

shine all ov - er the earth; _____

shine all ov - er the earth; _____

shine all ov - er the earth; _____ *mp* These are the

shine all ov - er the earth; _____ *mp* These are the

mp

62

64

mp

66

The joy of a new ba - by's

The joy of a new ba - by's

col - ours of hap - pi - ness: _____

col - ours of hap - pi - ness: _____

mp

D 69

67 *mf* **molto rall.** **Tempo I** ♩ = 92 **71**

birth. Blue for the robe of his mother so mild,

birth. Hum hum

Hum

Hum hum

molto rall. **D** **Tempo I** ♩ = 92

mf *p*

73 **75** **77**

Hum Sil - ver the

Gold for the pre-cious gifts they brought to the child; hum

hum

mp *p*

78

mf

80

Poco meno mosso ♩ = 80

star - light to shine through your sleep, And a rain - bow for all the sweet

And a rain - bow for all the sweet

Hum

1st BASSES *mp*

Hum

Hum

Poco meno mosso ♩ = 80

mp

p dolce

85

una corda

83

rall. dim.

Poco lento al fine

pp

dreams you will keep.

dim.

pp

dreams you will keep.

dim.

pp

2nd BASSES

rall.

Poco lento al fine

dim.

pp

Ped.

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