Kjos String Orchestra Grade 1 Full Conductor Score SO303F \$6.00

## Deborah Baker Monday, Arranger

Christmastide-Rejoice!

Traditional





## The Arranger

**Deborah Baker Monday** currently teaches in the Logan City School District Orchestra Program in Logan, Utah. She is a cello/bass specialist who works with 4th through 8th grade students in several schools. Ms. Monday received her B.M.E. from Florida State University with an emphasis in strings and a M.M. in composition from the University of Alabama. She began working on a D.M.A. at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge while teaching string classes at the 4th through 12th grade levels.

Ms. Monday is an active bass performer and private teacher. She has served as an adjunct bass instructor at Utah State University for several years, has been on the faculty of the Utah ASTA with NSOA Bass Fest for three years, and has served as a clinician at the Midwest Clinic, ASTA with NSOA National Conference, and various state music educators conventions throughout the country. In 1999, she was named the Utah ASTA with NSOA Elementary Teacher of the Year and she also received the award for "Superior Accomplishment" at the 2003 Utah Music

Educators Association Conference acknowledging her exceptional contributions to educational music for young string players. Ms. Monday was declared winner of the 2006 Utah ASTA Composition Competition for her composition *Chant-Formations*.

Ms. Monday has many publications to her credit including three collections coauthored with Janice L. McAllister, *Strings Extraordinaire!*, *Holidays Extraordinaire!*, and *More Strings Extraordinaire!* She is also coauthor (with Robert S. Frost) of *Artistry in Ensembles.* She and her husband, Bill, maintain busy teaching schedules and a bustling household with their four children.

## The Arrangement

*Christmastide – Rejoice!* captures some of the most beloved sounds heard during the winter season. It opens with the sounding of a church bell and a pedal E sustained by the basses. The violas and cellos then play the opening phrase of "O Come Emmanuel," followed by another strike of the bell. The melody is passed among the sections for the next three phrases. When the word "rejoice" would be sung, the upper strings powerfully play in three-part harmony. This leads to the return of the cello and bass with the recognizable rhythmic motto from Handel's "Hallelujah." Students will enjoy playing this rhythm on their instruments. Violins play on the E string and the A major chords should give the ensemble a rich, resonant sound. After this, the famous descending trumpet scale brings the key to a D tonality for the joyous tune, "Sing We Now Of Christmas." Beginning with a strong pizzicato introduction, the tune is stated first by violins and then by the low strings. It appears then as a round, building some harmonic tension. The final measures recall the "Hallelujah" rhythm once again and bring the piece to a most joyous conclusion.

## Instrumentation List (Set C)

- 8 1<sup>st</sup> Violin
- 8 2<sup>nd</sup> Violin
- 5 3<sup>rd</sup> Violin (Viola T.C.)
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass
- 1 Piano (optional)
- 2 Percussion (optional): Chimes, Tambourine
- 1 Full Conductor Score

Additional scores and parts are available.

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Full Conductor Score Approx. time – 2:05

Traditional Arranged by Deborah Baker Monday



\* Chimes can be substituted with keyboard on "tubular bells" setting.

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