

TWO-PART WITH OPT. VIOLIN AND TAMBOURINE

Harvest Moon

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The term "harvest moon" is historically given to the full moon in early autumn and was believed to aid in the harvesting of crops by providing extra hours of light to farmers harvesting and preparing their food crops for the winter.

As the daughter of a depression-born mother and father, our summers were spent planting and harvesting food that we were dependent on during the winter. My father planted not only our food sources but also food for the cattle, pigs, and chickens that were part of our lives.

We spent long days picking vegetables such as beans, peas, corn, okra, cabbage, onions, squash, potatoes, and tomatoes. Those had to then be prepared through canning and/or freezing them. I've spent many full days sitting shelling peas until my fingers were sore! Corn had to be shucked, silked, and cut off the cob. The preparation for preserving the food was as intricate as the planting and harvest season.

Growing up, the meals we shared were far different from the meals of families today. We had a meat, at least two vegetables and a bread each evening. My family sat at the table and ate together. A large portion of our winter food came from the work of those long summer days.

Looking back on those days, the work was long and difficult. The rows of crops were long, and we often felt we would never reach the end. At the end of the growing and harvest season however, the sense of pride was a certainly a celebration.

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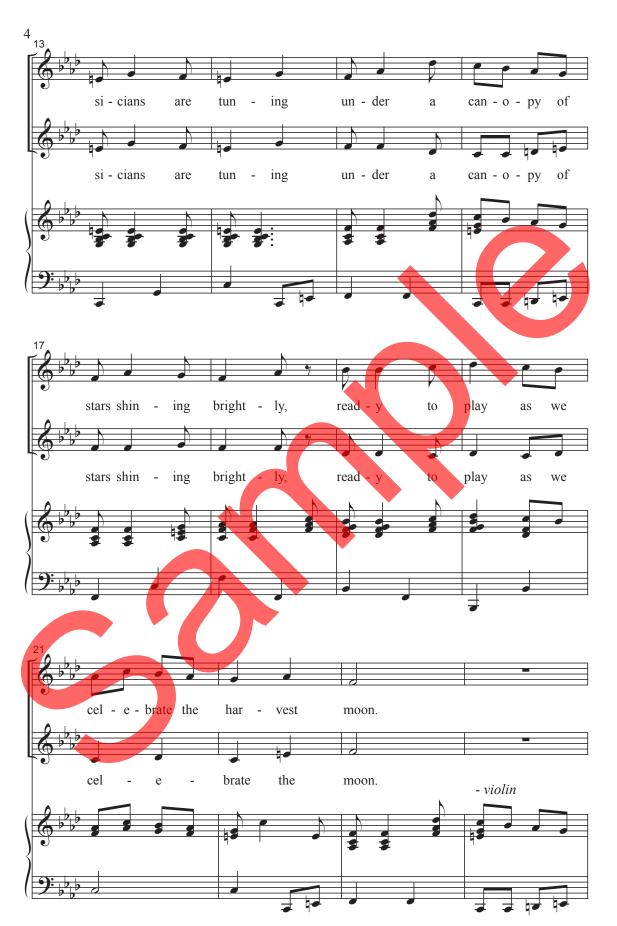


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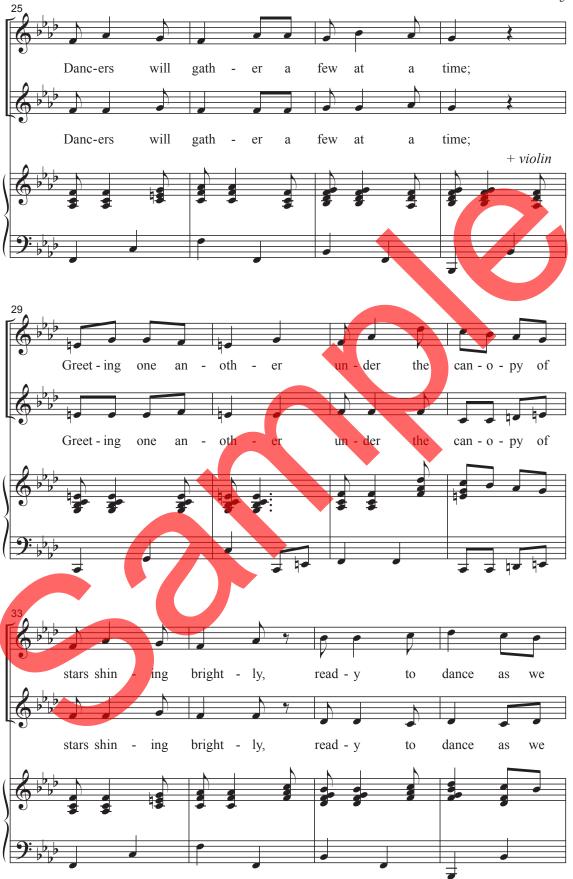
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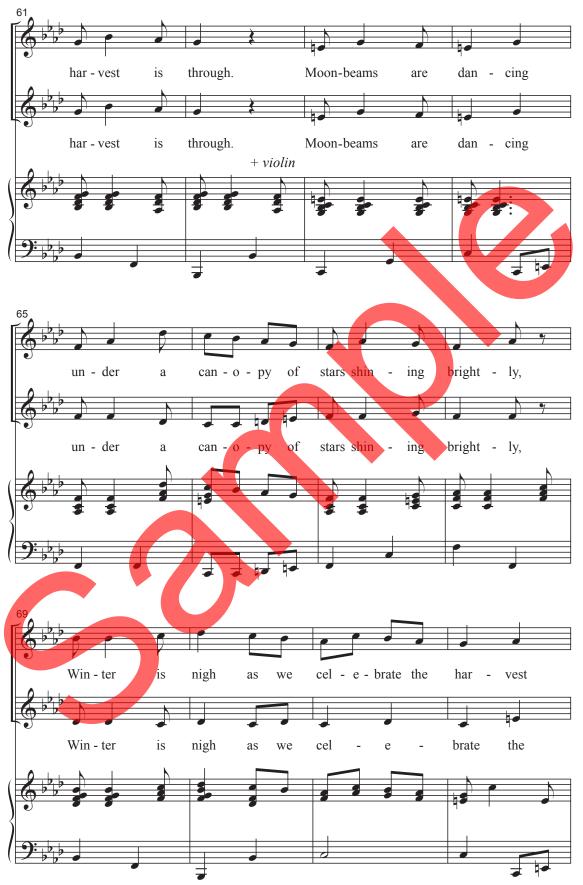














Tambourine

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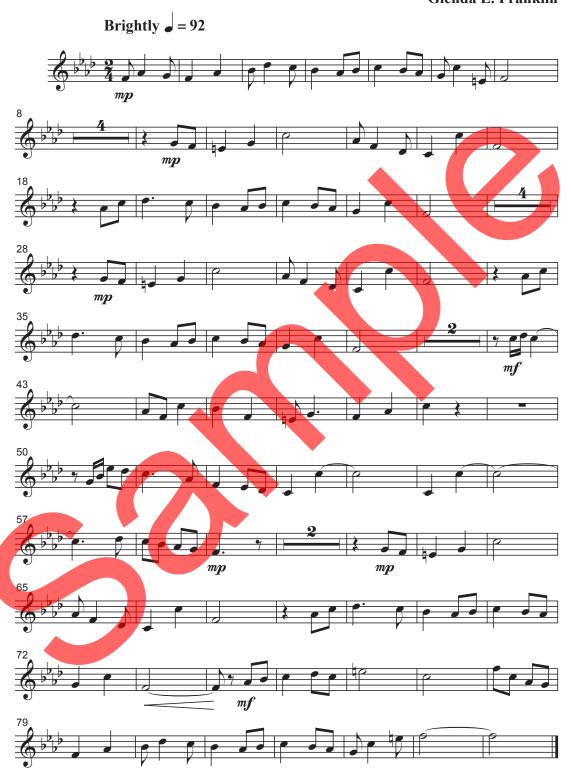
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