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4-HAND EXPRESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

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About the arrangers



Tracey Craig McKibben earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from Pensacola Christian College where she studied with Daniel Nagy and Daisy de Luca Jaffe. Since graduate school, she has taught piano lessons in both school and studio settings. For over two decades, Tracey has taught students of all ages to instill in them a love of music and the technical proficiency to achieve their dreams. Several of her students are now teaching music professionally.

Tracey began composing and arranging while in college, and what began as a hobby quickly developed into a lifelong passion for creating music. Tracey's first choral octavo was accepted for publication by Lorenz in 2017 and she has had several other octavos published since then. In addition, she is a regular

contributor to Lorenz's piano magazines *The Church Pianist* and *Keyboard Worship and Praise*. Her work is also published by Kjos, Easy Choir Music, and Heart Publications. She is a member of ASCAP and has served in many church music leadership roles including music director, choir director for both adult and children's choirs, pianist, accompanist, and handbell director.

Tracey lives in Dayton, Ohio, with her husband and son. She also has a step-daughter and one eccentric, but lovable, cat. When not composing or teaching, she enjoys hiking with family and friends, jogging, and cycling. She is also an avid reader and knitter.



Sara Craig Elgersma began her formal musical training with her sister Tracey Craig McKibben. In high school, she studied under Linda DePasquale, graduate of Juilliard and Curtis Institute of Music. Sara earned her Bachelor's degree in Keyboard Pedagogy from Cedarville University where she studied with Dr. John Mortensen and Mrs. Connie Anderson. She went on to earn her Master's degree in Piano Performance from Wright State University where she studied with Dr. Jackson Leung. Over the last decade, she has maintained a small private music studio and actively participates as a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs, serving as judge chair for her local chapter. Although piano has been her first love since age three, she is also skilled as a vocalist, flautist, and violinist, participating in productions such as Handel's *Messiah* and Brahms'

Requiem. While in college, she played fiddle in the Irish band The Demerits, recording three albums.

Sara lives in Xenia, Ohio with her husband and six children. She met her high-school sweetheart at summer music camp at Pensacola Christian College, and has enjoyed serving in music ministry with him throughout many churches and venues over the years. She contributes to the music ministry of her Calvary Baptist church family as she can, often requiring creativity in managing the youngsters in the pew by her gaze from the stage. Her days are centered around discipling and educating her children in the home and around the community. She enjoys making music with her husband in the evenings once the kids are in bed but not necessarily asleep. She is determined to dispel the myth that parents cannot teach their own children music lessons.

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Foreword

This collection was arranged over the course of several years and multiple life stages. Initially, Tracey was my (Sara's) piano teacher for five years, introducing the elements of arranging and composing as well as teaching the instrument. After I progressed to another piano teacher in high school, we still enjoyed meeting weekly to arrange keyboard duets for fun. We were inspired by Joel Raney's *Christmas for 4-Hand Piano* which we played together and loved. We often joked about "channeling our inner Joel Raney" as we worked on our duet arrangements. Most sessions ended with an obligatory Dairy Queen run to reward our efforts.

Fast forward a decade and a half and we pulled out some of our old arrangements, dusted them off, and began to add to them. It has been interesting to see how our creative process hasn't changed much over the years even though we are now adult peers. The synergy is still the same, although we are more intentional about our arranging choices. As sisters, some things just click – and arranging duets is apparently just one of those things.

We hope you enjoy playing these duets as much as we have enjoyed crafting them. In this collection, you will find a variety of moods and styles. As you play through the pieces, may you be inspired to reflect on the wonder and joy of that holy, still, and silent night and God's gift of love that was given to us so many years ago.

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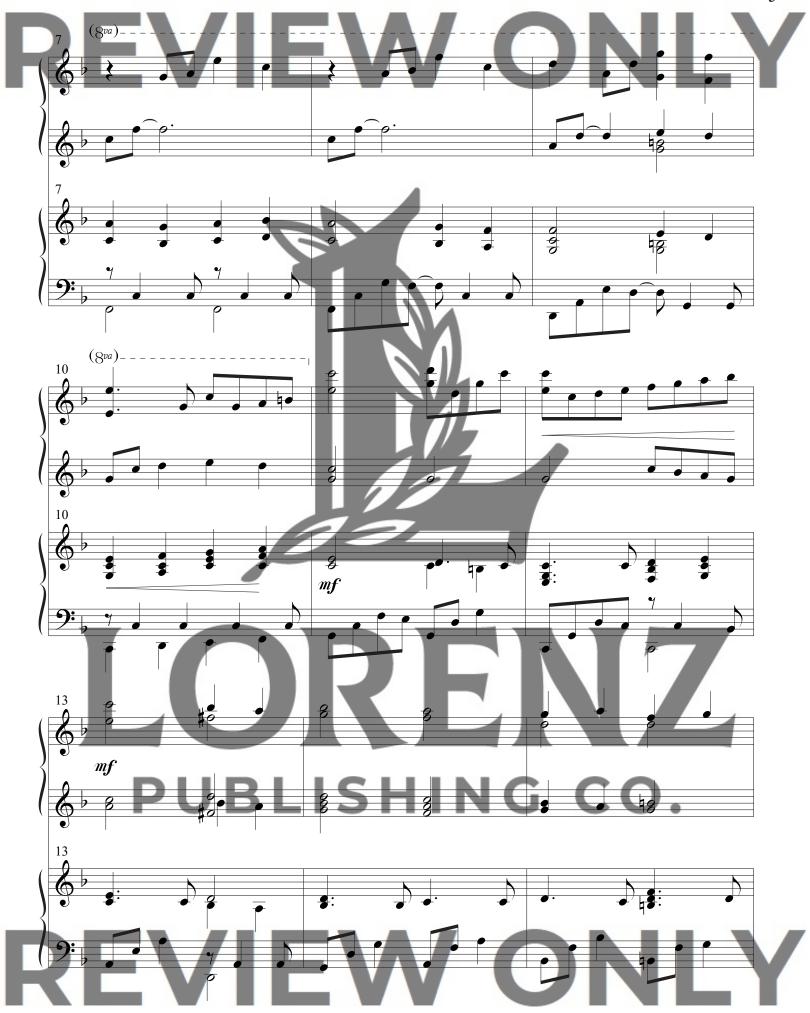
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He Is Born (Il est né le divin enfant)

Traditional French Carol Arr. by Tracey Craig McKibben





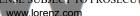
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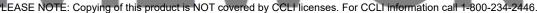
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Masters In This Hall with God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Masters In This Hall by Marin Marais God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen, traditional carol Arr. by Tracey Craig McKibben and Sara Craig Elgersma



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Holy, Still, and Silent

O Holy Night

with Still, Still, Still and Silent Night

CANTIQUE DE NOEL, by Adolphe Adam STILL, STILL, STILL, Austrian Folk Tune STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber Arr. by Tracey Craig McKibben and Sara Craig Elgersma



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