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GONG XI GONG XI

Congratulations!

Two-Part Treble Voices with Piano and Optional Percussion

Chen Ge Xin Arranged by Lily Lung Grant



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Language: English

Use: General

Time: Approx. 1:47 *Difficulty: Moderate

Cultural Context

Gong Xi Gong Xi is one of the most well-known and popular Chinese New Year songs today. During the two weeks of New Year celebrations, this song is heard in Chinese communities around the world. But this song was not originally composed solely for Chinese New Year. In 1945, Japan's surrender ended the Second World War, which also ended eight years of kang jian (抗戰 - resistance war) in China. Chinese people were ecstatic at the returning of peace. It was in this atmosphere that composer Chen Ge Xin (1914-1961) created Gong Xi Gong Xi for the first postwar Chinese New Year. The words "gong xi" actually means "congratulations," therefore it could mean both "the war is over!" or "Happy New Year."

About the Composer

Chen was one of China's most celebrated popular music composers in the early twentieth century. He was active in Shanghai and Hong Kong. Many of his songs, such as *Rose*, *Rose*, *I love you* and *Evening in Shanghai* still enjoy popularity and have come to define the era.

Suggested Introduction for Concert

"Gong Xi Gong Xi is a song for celebrating Chinese New Year. It was originally composed to celebrate the end of the Second World War. Nowadays it is sung and heard in all Chinese communities around the world during the two-week long Chinese New Year celebrations. The words "gong xi" mean 'congratulations'."

Original Text	Transliteration	IPA	Lyrical Translations
每條大街小巷	Mei tiao da jeh xiao xiang,	mei tiav da tsia siavian	In every street corner and small alley
每個人的嘴裡	Mei ge ren de jueh li,	meî gə rɛn də tzueî li	from every person's lips
見面第一句話	jian mien di yi juu hua,	tsien mien di ji dzi hwa	when they see each other, the first thing they say
都是恭喜恭喜	doh shi gong xi gong xi.	doʊ̃ ʃʊ gəŋ ʃi gəŋ ʃi	is "Congratulations!"
冬天已到盡頭	dong tian yi dao jin tou	dəŋ tiɛn ji daʊ dzin to	Winter has already come to an end.
真是好的消息	jen shi hao di xiao xi	dʒ ∫ʊ haʊ̂ də ʃiaʊ̂ ʃi	What good news!
溫暖的春風	wen nuan di chun feng	wen nuan də tsən fəŋ	Warm spring wind
就要吹醒大地	jiu yao chui seng da di	dʒiu jav tswe səŋ da di	will soon wake up the Earth.

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Music and Lyrics by CHEN GE XIN Arranged by Lily Lung Grant





^{*} A woodblock could substitute for small gong. Small cymbals or suspended cymbals played by drum sticks could substitute for cymbals. The parts for Optional Percussion appears on p. 10.







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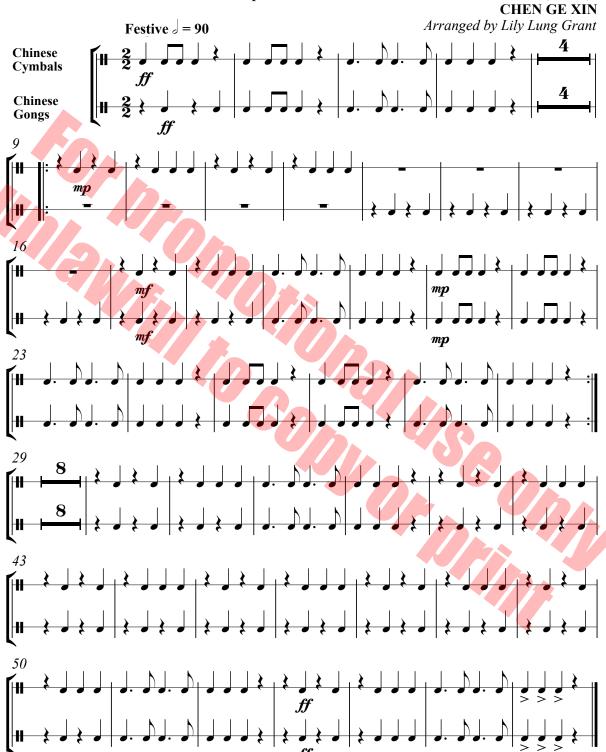


Percussion (Chinese Cymbals, Chinese Gongs)

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