

Christmastide

from “A Christmas Triptych”

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1 Full Score

8 Violin I

8 Violin II

5 Viola

5 Cello

5 Bass

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Program Notes

I was asked by Park Hill High School in Kansas City North to write a piece for their Christmas concert. I met with the orchestra at PHHS and asked them what Christmas melodies they liked and might want to appear in the piece. I made notes and listened to them perform a couple of the pieces they were working on at the time. Here are the three movements that resulted from this collaboration:

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In this piece I set two traditional Christmas songs against one another. The title reflects the whole traditional season of Christmas, that is, the twelve days from Christmas Day until January 6. 'Good King Wenceslas' tells of a good deed done on St. Stephen's day – December 26, traditionally known as Boxing Day in England. The other tune used here can be sung to various words including 'Angels we Have Heard on High' and 'Angels from the Realms of Glory' both of which make use of the overlapping music in the chorus to sing the word 'Gloria' in quick succession. The music is joyful, vibrant and energetic throughout.

About the Composer

I grew up in Bristol, England and later studied music composition and music education at Bath Spa University and the University of Exeter before coming to America to study for my Masters and Doctorate degrees at the University of Kansas. I have been fortunate to have my music performed nationally and internationally by a wide range of ensembles. A composer writes music in the hope that others will perform it. I always enjoy the interactions that happen between the creator of the piece and those entrusted with realizing that piece into sound. I actively encourage and seek commissions that allow for this sort of interaction, where the barrier between the music and the composer can be broken down and the ensemble and composer can become co-creators in the piece.

As Chair of the Department of Music at William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, I find that I am constantly in contact with students who are exploring great art and who are trying to find out more about how that art can and should be brought to life. I also enjoy being in contact with local high school music directors and appreciate the work they do daily to pass on to the next generation a love for music. I hope my music in some way encourages that love for music to grow.

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Fast and Lively ♩ = 120**7**

Musical score for measures 1-8. The score is for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, and Bass. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/2. The tempo is marked "Fast and Lively" with a quarter note equal to 120 beats per minute. The score begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measures 1-4 show the strings playing a rhythmic pattern of quarter notes and eighth notes. Measures 5-8 show the Violin I and II parts playing a melodic line with a pizzicato (*pizz.*) instruction. The Cello and Bass parts continue the rhythmic pattern. A box containing the number 7 is located above measure 7.

13

Musical score for measures 9-16. The score is for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, and Bass. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/2. The score continues from measure 8. Measures 9-12 show the Violin I and II parts playing a melodic line. Measures 13-16 show the Violin I and II parts playing a melodic line with a pizzicato (*pizz.*) instruction. The Cello and Bass parts continue the rhythmic pattern. A box containing the number 13 is located above measure 13.

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Musical score for measures 17-22. The score is for five instruments: Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Cello, and Bass. The key signature is one sharp (F#). Measures 17 and 18 show the strings playing a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. Measures 19-22 show the strings playing a sustained note, with the Cello and Bass playing a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

25

Musical score for measures 23-28. The score is for five instruments: Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Cello, and Bass. The key signature is one sharp (F#). Measures 23-24 show the strings playing a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. Measures 25-28 show the strings playing a sustained note, with the Cello and Bass playing a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. The score includes dynamic markings: *f* (forte) and *arco* (arco). The Cello and Bass parts are marked *f* and *arco* in measures 25-28.

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Vln. I
 Vln. II
 Vla.
 Cello
 Bass

pizz.
p
 pizz.
p
 pizz.
p
p
p

29 30 31 32 33 34

Vln. I
 Vln. II
 Vla.
 Cello
 Bass

37
 arco *f*
 arco *f*
 div. *f*
 div. arco *f*
 arco *f*

35 36 37 38 39 40

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45

Vln. I
 Vln. II
 Vla.
 Cello
 Bass

41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

54

Vln. I
 Vln. II
 Vla.
 Cello
 Bass

49 50 51 52 53 54

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55

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

56 *f*

57

58 *mp*

59

60 *f*

62

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

61

62

63

64 *mp*

65

66 *mf*

67

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Score for measures 68-74, marked 70.

Vln. I: Treble clef, key of D major. Measures 68-69: *f*, eighth notes. Measure 70: *mf*, half note. Measures 71-74: *mf*, half notes with div. (divisi) markings.

Vln. II: Treble clef, key of D major. Measures 68-69: *f*, eighth notes. Measure 70: *mf*, half note. Measures 71-74: *mf*, half notes with div. (divisi) markings.

Vla.: Alto clef, key of D major. Measures 68-69: *f*, eighth notes. Measure 70: *legato*, half note. Measures 71-74: *legato*, half notes.

Cello: Bass clef, key of D major. Measures 68-69: *f*, eighth notes. Measure 70: *f*, half note. Measures 71-74: *f*, half notes with *legato* markings.

Bass: Bass clef, key of D major. Measures 68-69: *f*, eighth notes. Measure 70: *f*, half note. Measures 71-74: *f*, half notes with *legato* markings.

78

Score for measures 75-81, marked 78.

Vln. I: Treble clef, key of D major. Measures 75-77: *mp*, half notes. Measures 78-81: *mp*, half notes with (V) (crescendo) markings.

Vln. II: Treble clef, key of D major. Measures 75-77: *mp*, half notes. Measures 78-81: *mp*, half notes with (V) (crescendo) markings.

Vla.: Alto clef, key of D major. Measures 75-77: *f*, eighth notes. Measures 78-81: *f*, eighth notes.

Cello: Bass clef, key of D major. Measures 75-77: *mp*, half notes. Measures 78-81: *f*, half notes with *legato* markings.

Bass: Bass clef, key of D major. Measures 75-77: *mp*, half notes. Measures 78-81: *f*, half notes with *legato* markings.

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84

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Slower $\text{♩} = 80$

Score for measures 82-87, measures 84-87 are marked **Slower** ($\text{♩} = 80$).

Measures 82-83: *f* (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, Bass). *div.* (Viola, Cello).

Measures 84-87: *mp* (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello). *f* (Bass). *div.* (Viola, Cello).

Measures 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 are indicated at the bottom.

92

Score for measures 88-93.

Measures 88-91: *mp* (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, Bass). *div.* (Viola, Cello).

Measures 92-93: *f* (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, Bass). *div.* (Viola, Cello).

Measures 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93 are indicated at the bottom.

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Score for measures 94-99. The score is for five instruments: Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Cello, and Bass. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The time signature is 4/4. Measure 98 is marked with a box containing the number 98. Dynamics include *mf* and *mp*. The Cello part has a *div.* marking in measure 96. The Bass part has a *mf* marking in measure 96. The Vln. I and Vln. II parts have *mf* markings in measure 98. The Vla. part has a *mf* marking in measure 96. The Cello part has a *mf* marking in measure 96 and a *mp* marking in measure 98. The Bass part has a *mf* marking in measure 96. The Vln. I and Vln. II parts have *mf* markings in measure 98. The Vla. part has a *mf* marking in measure 96. The Cello part has a *mf* marking in measure 96 and a *mp* marking in measure 98. The Bass part has a *mf* marking in measure 96.

molto rit.

Score for measures 100-105. The score is for five instruments: Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Cello, and Bass. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The time signature is 4/4. Measure 104 is marked with a box containing the number 104. Dynamics include *mf*. The Cello part has a *div.* marking in measure 104. The Bass part has a *mf* marking in measure 104. The Vln. I and Vln. II parts have *mf* markings in measure 104. The Vla. part has a *mf* marking in measure 102. The Cello part has a *mf* marking in measure 102. The Bass part has a *mf* marking in measure 102. The Vln. I and Vln. II parts have *mf* markings in measure 104. The Vla. part has a *mf* marking in measure 102. The Cello part has a *mf* marking in measure 102. The Bass part has a *mf* marking in measure 102.

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Joyfully ♩ = 120

Score for measures 106-111. The score is for five instruments: Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Cello, and Bass. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked "Joyfully" with a quarter note equal to 120 beats. The dynamic is *ff* (fortissimo). The score shows six measures. Measures 106-107 have a *ff* dynamic. Measures 108-111 have a *ff* dynamic. The Vln. I and Vln. II parts have a *ff* dynamic. The Vla. part has a *ff* dynamic. The Cello part has a *ff* dynamic. The Bass part is silent.

114

Score for measures 112-117. The score is for five instruments: Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Cello, and Bass. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked "Joyfully" with a quarter note equal to 120 beats. The dynamic is *ff* (fortissimo). The score shows six measures. Measures 112-113 have a *ff* dynamic. Measures 114-117 have a *ff* dynamic. The Vln. I and Vln. II parts have a *ff* dynamic. The Vla. part has a *ff* dynamic. The Cello part has a *ff* dynamic. The Bass part is silent.

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Score for measures 118 to 123, featuring Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Cello, and Bass.

Measure 118: Vln. I has a 4th fingered note. Vln. II has a 5th fingered note. Vla. has a 4th fingered note. Cello and Bass have a 4th fingered note.

Measure 119: Vln. I has a 4th fingered note. Vln. II has a 5th fingered note. Vla. has a 4th fingered note. Cello and Bass have a 4th fingered note.

Measure 120: Vln. I has a 4th fingered note. Vln. II has a 5th fingered note. Vla. has a 4th fingered note. Cello and Bass have a 4th fingered note. **ff**

Measure 121: Vln. I has a 4th fingered note. Vln. II has a 5th fingered note. Vla. has a 4th fingered note. Cello and Bass have a 4th fingered note.

Measure 122: Vln. I has a 4th fingered note. Vln. II has a 5th fingered note. Vla. has a 4th fingered note. Cello and Bass have a 4th fingered note.

Measure 123: Vln. I has a 4th fingered note. Vln. II has a 5th fingered note. Vla. has a 4th fingered note. Cello and Bass have a 4th fingered note.

Score for measures 124 to 129, featuring Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Cello, and Bass.

Measure 124: Vln. I has a 4th fingered note. Vln. II has a 5th fingered note. Vla. has a 4th fingered note. Cello and Bass have a 4th fingered note.

Measure 125: Vln. I has a 4th fingered note. Vln. II has a 5th fingered note. Vla. has a 4th fingered note. Cello and Bass have a 4th fingered note.

Measure 126: Vln. I has a 4th fingered note. Vln. II has a 5th fingered note. Vla. has a 4th fingered note. Cello and Bass have a 4th fingered note. **fff**

Measure 127: Vln. I has a 4th fingered note. Vln. II has a 5th fingered note. Vla. has a 4th fingered note. Cello and Bass have a 4th fingered note. **mp**

Measure 128: Vln. I has a 4th fingered note. Vln. II has a 5th fingered note. Vla. has a 4th fingered note. Cello and Bass have a 4th fingered note. **mp**

Measure 129: Vln. I has a 4th fingered note. Vln. II has a 5th fingered note. Vla. has a 4th fingered note. Cello and Bass have a 4th fingered note. **sfz**