

RDH Music Series

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**A Festival For Christmas**

*Angels We Have Heard On High, I Personify Hodie,  
Of The Father's Love Begotten, O Holy Night, Joy To The World*

For Mixed Chorus with  
8-part Brass/Perc./Organ or Orchestra  
*(parts/conductor's score available for purchase)*



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## A Festival For Christmas

1. Fanfare & Angels We Have Heard on High  
(Traditional French Carol, English translation by James Chadwick)

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Majestically (♩ = 76)

Piano(Reh. Only)

*f*

6

Pno

*mp*

11

Pno

Quicker, with renewed faith (♩ = 92)

17

Pno

21 *f*

S/A *f* An-gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains, and the moun-tains

T/B *f* An-gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains, and the moun-tains

Pno *f*

26 *mf*

S/A *mf* in re-ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains. Glo

T/B in re-ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.

Pno *mf*

32 *mp*

S/A *mp* ri - a Glo

T/B *mp* in ex-cel-sis De - o!

Pno *mp*

38

S/A *ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!*

T/B *in ex - cel - sis De - o!*

Pno *f*

44

S/A *Come to Beth - le - hem and see Christ whose birth the an - gels sing!*

T/B *Come to Beth - le - hem and see Christ whose birth the an - gels sing!*

Pno

50

S/A *Come a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King! Glo - -*

T/B *Come a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King! Glo - -*

Pno

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55

S/A

T/B

Pno

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

ri - a Glo - - -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

62

S/A

T/B

Pno

*mp*

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De

in ex - cel - sis De - o!

**2. Personent Hodie**  
(traditional, from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582)

**Rhythmic, Driving** (♩ = 82)

70

Pno

*f*

78

Pno

86

Pno

95

S/A

*f*

Per - so - nent Ho - di - e, vo - ces pu - er - u - lae, lau - dan - tes  
 On this day earth shall ring with the song chil - dren sing to the Lord,

T/B

*f*

Per - so - nent Ho - di - e, vo - ces pu - er - u - lae, lau - dan - tes  
 On this day earth shall ring with the song chil - dren sing to the Lord,

Pno

*f*

102

S/A

iu - cun - de qui no - bis est na - tus sum - mo De - o da - tus,  
 Christ our King, born on earth to save us; Him the Fa - ther gave us.

T/B

iu - cun - de qui no - bis est na - tus sum - mo De - o da - tus,  
 Christ our King, born on earth to save us; Him the Fa - ther gave us.

Pno

*mf*

108 *mp*

S/A et de vir vir vir et de vir vir vir et de vir - gin-e - o  
born to save save save born to save save save born on earth to\_ save

T/B et de vir vir vir et de vir vir vir et de vir - gin-e - o  
born to save save save born to save save save born on earth to\_ save

Pno *mp*

115

S/A ven-tre pro-cre - a - tus.\_\_\_\_  
Him the Fa-ther gave us.\_\_\_\_

T/B ven-tre pro-cre - a - tus.\_\_\_\_  
Him the Fa-ther gave us.\_\_\_\_

Pno *f*

122 *f*

S/A Om - nes  
On this

T/B Om - nes  
On this

Pno *f*

129

S/A  
 cler - - i - cu - li, par - i - ter pu - er -  
 day an - gels sing, with their song earth shall

T/B  
 cler - - i - cu - li, par - i - ter pu - er -  
 day an - gels sing, with their song earth shall

Pno

135

S/A  
 - i, can - tent an - ge li: ad - ven -  
 ring, prai - sing Christ, hea - ven's King, peace and

T/B  
 - i, can - tent ut an - ge - li: ad - ven -  
 ring, prai - sing Christ, hea - ven's King, peace and

Pno

142

S/A  
 - i - sti mun - - - do.  
 love He gave us.

T/B  
 - i - sti mun - - - do.  
 love He gave us.

Pno

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**Broad and Resolute, in 4** (♩ = 60)

150 *molto rit.* *ff* *div.*

S/A *div.* Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De -

T/B *ff* *div.* Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De -

Pno *molto rit.* **Broad and Resolute, in 4** (♩ = 60) *ff*

**Majestically** (♩ = 76)

157

S/A -o.

T/B -o.

Pno **Majestically** (♩ = 76) *f* *mf*

**3. Of the Father's Love Begotten** (text by Prudentius (348-413),  
Music: "Divinum Mysterium", Sanctus Trope, 11th century)

**With Reverence** (♩ = 60)

163

Pno *p*

170

S/A *p* Of the Fa - ther's love be - gott - en, —

T/B

Pno

176

S/A *mp* ere the worlds be - gan, to be He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He, the

T/B

Pno

181

S/A *mp* source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that

T/B *p* the Fa - ther's love —

Pno *mp*

186 have been, have been, and that fu-ture years shall see, ev-er-more and ev - er - more!

S/A

T/B

Pno

*mp*

191 *p* *mf* O ye heights of heav'n a - dore Him; ang-el

S/A

T/B

Pno

*p* *mf*

197 *f* *mp* hosts, His prais - es sing, Pow'rs and do - min - ions bow be - fore Him and ex -

S/A

T/B

Pno

*f* *mp*

201 *mf*

S/A *mf*  
-tol our God and King! Let no tongue on earth be sil - - -

T/B *mf*  
-tol our God and King! Let no tongue on earth be sil - - -

Pno *p* *mf*

207 *p*

S/A *p*  
ent, ev - 'ry voice in con-cert sing, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! —

T/B *p*  
ent, ev - 'ry voice in con-cert sing, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! —

Pno *mp*

214 *p*

Pno *p*

221 *poco accel*

Pno *mf* *mp*

## 4. O Holy Night (text by Placide Cappeau, music by Adolph-Charles Adam)

229 *rit.* **Flowing** (♩ = 52) *mf*

T/B

O ho - ly

Pno

*mp*

234

T/B

night, the stars are bright ly shi - - - ing; it is the

Pno

238

T/B

night e the dear Sav - ior's birth!

Pno

242

T/B

Long lay the world in sin and err - or pin - - -

Pno

246

S/A

T/B

Pno

ing, 'til He app - eared and the soul felt its worth.

250

S/A

T/B

Pno

*mf*

A thrill of hope the wear-y world re joic - es for yon - der breaks a

257

S/A

T/B

Pno

new and glor - ious morn. *f* Fall on your knees,

*f* Fall on your knees,

262

S/A O hear the ang-el voi - - - ces! O

T/B O hear the ang-el voi - - - ces! O

Pno

267 *ff* night di - vine, *mp* night when Christ was

T/B *ff* night di - vine, O night when Christ was

Pno

273 *molto rit.* *ff* born! O night di -

T/B born! O night di -

Pno

**Broadly** (♩ = 46)

**Moving ahead** (♩ = 72)

277

S/A

-vine, O night O night di - vine!

T/B

-vine, O night O night di - vine!

**Broadly** (♩ = 46)

**Moving ahead** (♩ = 72)

Pno

Joy To The World (text by Isaac Watts, music by Lowell Mason)

**Quicker, with renewed faith** (♩ = 92)

284

Pno

291

Pno

298

Pno

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302 *f*

S/A Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-ceive her King; let ev - 'ry\_ heart\_ pre

T/B Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-ceive her King; let ev - 'ry\_ heart\_ pre

Pno *f*

307 *mf*

S/A -pare\_ him\_ room, and heav'n and na - ture\_ sing, and\_

T/B -pare\_ him\_ room, and heav'n and na - ture\_ sing, and\_

Pno *mf*

309

S/A heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n\_ and heav'n\_ and na - ture sing.

T/B heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n\_ and heav'n\_ and na - ture sing.

Pno *mf*

312

S/A *f* He rules the world with truth and grace, and

T/B *f* He rules the world with truth and grace, and

Pno *f*

316

S/A makes the na - tions prove the glo - ries of His

T/B makes the na - tions prove the glo - ries of His

Pno

319

S/A right - eous - ness, and won - ders of His love, and

T/B right - eous - ness, and won - ders of His

Pno

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321

S/A  
won - ders of His love, and won - ders won - ders  
love, and won - ders won - ders

T/B  
love, and won - ders of His love, and won - ders

Pno

323

S/A  
of His love.

T/B  
of His love.

Pno

328

S/A  
*f* Al - le - lu - ia! *fff*

T/B  
*f* Al - le - lu - ia! *fff*

Pno  
*ff*