

# The Praise of Christmas

For Solo Voice and TTBB Chorus

Traditional

from *The Oxford Book of Carols*\*

Arranged by Bruce Trinkley

**Andante con moto** ♩ = 56

*p legato*

Solo

All hail to the days that mer - it more praise Than all the rest of the year, And

wel - come the nights that dou - ble de - lights As well for the poor as the peer! Good

*pp molto legato*

Oo Oo

*pp molto legato*

Oo Oo

for - tune at - tend each mer - ry man's friend That doth but the best that he may, For -

get - ting old wrongs with ca - rols and songs, To drive the cold win - ter a - way.

Oo 'Tis

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18 *intensely*

ill for a mind to an - ger in - clined To think of small in - jur - ies now; \_\_\_\_\_ If

*unis. intensely*

ill for a mind to an - ger in - clined To think of small in - jur - ies now; \_\_\_\_\_ If

22 *mf*

wrath be to seek, do not lend her thy cheek, Nor let her in - ha - bit thy brow. \_\_\_\_\_ Cross

*mf*

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26 *mp dolce*

out of thy books ma - le - vo - lent looks, Both beau - ty and youth's de - cay, And

*div. mp dolce*

out of thy books ma - le - vo - lent looks, Both beau - ty and youth's de - cay, And

30 *mf*

whol - ly con - sort with mirth and with sport, To drive the cold win - ter a - way. \_\_\_\_\_ This

*mf*

whol - ly con - sort with mirth and with sport, To drive the cold win - ter a - way. \_\_\_\_\_ This

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34 *exuberantly* *f*

time of the year is spent in good cheer, And neigh - bours to - ge - ther do meet, To

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sit by the fire, with friend - ly de - sire, Each oth - er in love to greet. Old

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42 *mf warmly*

grudg - es for - got are put in the pot, All sor - rows a - side they lay; The

*mf warmly*

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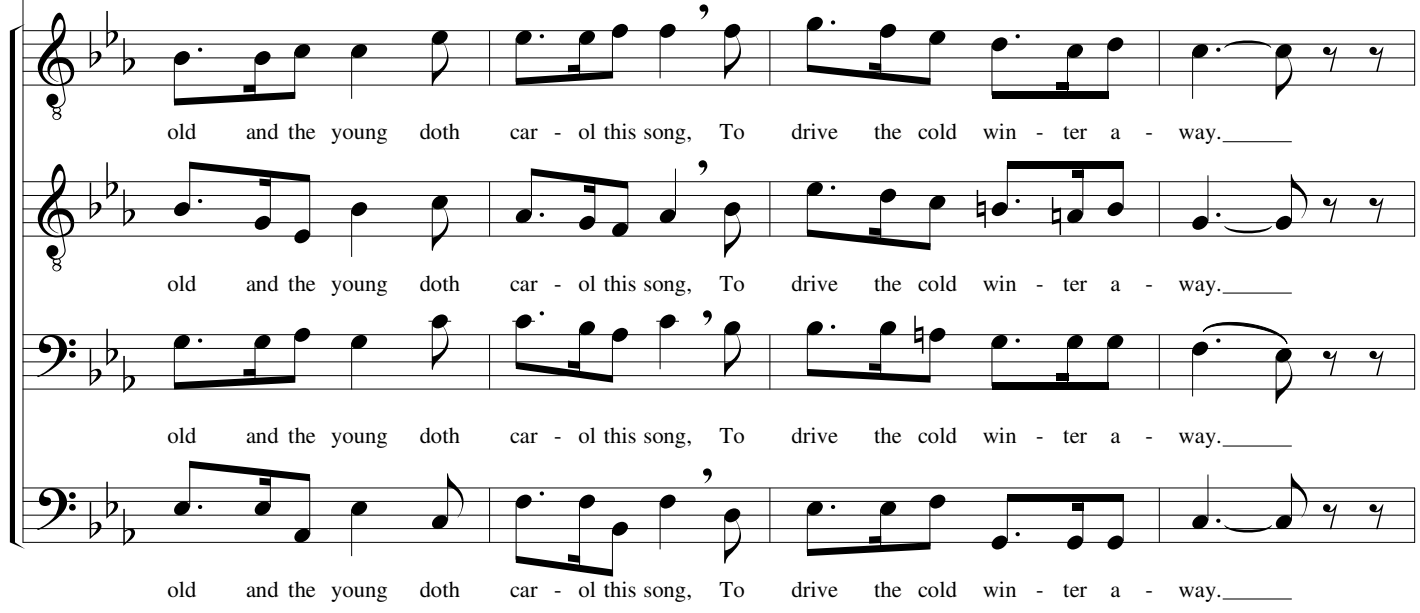
*mf warmly*

grudg - es for - got are put in the pot, All sor - rows a - side they lay; The

46 *mp*



When



old and the young doth car - ol this song, To drive the cold win - ter a - way.\_\_\_\_

old and the young doth car - ol this song, To drive the cold win - ter a - way.\_\_\_\_

old and the young doth car - ol this song, To drive the cold win - ter a - way.\_\_\_\_

old and the young doth car - ol this song, To drive the cold win - ter a - way.\_\_\_\_

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Christ - mas tide comes in like a bride, With hol - ly and i - vy clad,\_\_\_\_ Twelve



*p*

Oo

*p*

Oo

*p*

Oo

54

*mp*

days in the year much mirth and good cheer in ev - er - y house - hold is had. \_\_\_\_\_ The

*dim.*

Oo \_\_\_\_\_

*dim.*

Oo \_\_\_\_\_

*dim.*

Oo \_\_\_\_\_

58

*p*

coun - try guise is then to de - vise Some gam - bols of Christ - mas play, \_\_\_\_\_ Where -

Oo \_\_\_\_\_

Oo \_\_\_\_\_

Oo \_\_\_\_\_

62

*molto rit.*

at the young men do best that they can To drive the cold win - ter a - way.

*pp*

Oo \_\_\_\_\_

*pp*

Oo \_\_\_\_\_

*pp*

Oo \_\_\_\_\_