

On This Christmas Day

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Chords: D^b E^b $Fsus^4_2$ Fm $C^m_{E^b}$ D^b^2 E^b^7sus A^b

The piano introduction consists of two staves in 3/4 time. The right hand plays a melody starting on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The left hand provides harmonic support with chords: D^b (half), E^b (half), $Fsus^4_2$ (half), Fm (half), $C^m_{E^b}$ (half), D^b^2 (half), E^b^7sus (half), and A^b (half). The piece begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic.

FEMALE SOLO

5 *mp*

Hearts are joy - ful, hearts are bro - ken. Years re - mem - bered, mem - 'ries

Chords: $D^b^2_{A^b}$ A^b_C D^b E^b A^b^2 A^b A^b_C D^b^2 E^b

The female vocal solo begins at measure 5 with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The piano accompaniment consists of chords: $D^b^2_{A^b}$ (half), A^b_C (half), D^b (half), E^b (half), A^b^2 (half), A^b (half), A^b_C (half), D^b^2 (half), and E^b (half).

9

made. Hope is ris - ing, hope is fleet - ing

Chords: Fm A^b_C D^b^2 E^b $Fsus^4_2$ Fm $C^m_{E^b}$

The vocal solo continues at measure 9. The melody is: D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (half), F3 (half). The piano accompaniment consists of chords: Fm (half), A^b_C (half), D^b^2 (half), E^b (half), $Fsus^4_2$ (half), Fm (half), and $C^m_{E^b}$ (half).

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12 2/9 LADIES join SOLO *mp*

on this Christ - mas day. Prayers are

$D\flat^2$ $E\flat^7_{\text{sus}}$ $A\flat$ $D\flat$ $A\flat$ $A\flat$ C

15

whis - pered, prayers un - spo - ken. Eyes are shin - ing, child - ren

$D\flat$ $E\flat$ $A\flat^2$ $A\flat$ $A\flat$ C $D\flat^2$ $E\flat$

mp

18

play. Faith is stir - ring, faith is shak - en

Fm $A\flat$ C $D\flat$ $E\flat$ $Fs\text{sus}^4_2$ Fm Cm $E\flat$

21 3/10 CHOIR (SOLO out)

on this Christ - mas day. Tell the lone - ly God is

$D\flat^2$ $E\flat^7_{\text{sus}}$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$

24

with us! Tell the dy - ing life has come. Tell the

$A\flat^{\text{sus}}_2$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$ Fm

27

bro - ken there's a heal - er. Tell the or - phan there's a

$E\flat$ G $A\flat^2$ $A\flat$ $A\flat$ C $D\flat^2$

30 4/11 *mf*

home. Snow is fall - ing, snow is

Ebsus Eb $\text{A}^\flat \text{C}$ D $\flat$ Eb

mf

33

fad - ing. Lights are glow - ing, skies are grey; while the
unis.

$\text{A}^\flat 2$ $\text{A}^\flat$ $\text{A}^\flat \text{C}$ D $\flat 2$ Eb Fm $\text{A}^\flat \text{C}$

36 *building* *f*

world just keeps on turn - ing on this Christ - mas day. Tell the

D $\flat$ Eb Fsus $\frac{4}{2}$ Fm $\text{C}^\flat \text{E}^\flat$ D $\flat 2$ Ebsus $\text{A}^\flat$ Fm 7

40

cap - tive there is free - dom! Tell the sin - ner grace is

f

$E\flat$ $A\flat$ sus $\frac{4}{2}$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$

43

here! Tell the hun - gry there's a ta - ble. Tell the

mf *unis.*

mf *unis.*

Fm $E\flat$ $\frac{G}{C}$ $A\flat^2$ $A\flat$ $A\flat$ $\frac{C}{C}$

46

out - cast God is near.

$D\flat^2$ $E\flat$ sus $E\flat$ $E\flat^2$

mp

$\frac{5}{12}$

50 SOLO (opt. CHOIR unison)

Let us gath - er, join the ca - rols. Light a can - dle, show the

$E\flat$ $D\flat$ $E\flat$ $A\flat^2$ $A\flat$ $A\flat$ $D\flat^2$ $E\flat$

54

way to a world that waits in dark - ness_____

Fm $A\flat$ $D\flat$ $E\flat$ $Fsus^4_2$ Fm

58

on this Christ - mas day, on this Christ - mas day.

$D\flat^2$ $E\flat$ Fm $D\flat^2$ $E\flat$ $A\flat$

CHOIR (SOLO ad lib.)

62 6/13 *ff*

Tell the

A^b E^b/G Fm^7

65

lone - ly God is with us! Tell the dy - ing life has come. Tell the

E^b $A^b \text{ sus } 4/2$ A^b E^b Fm

ff

69

bro - ken there's a heal - er. Tell the or - phan there's a

E^b/G $A^b 2$ A^b A^b/C $D^b 2$

72

home. — Tell the cap - tive there is free - dom! Tell the sin - ner grace is

Ebsus Eb Ebsus F Eb Absus⁴/₂ Ab Eb

76

here! Tell the hun - gry there's a ta - ble. Tell the

Fm Eb Ab Eb Ab² Ab Ab/C

79

7/14

out - cast God is near — on this Christ - mas

unis. unis.

Db² Ebsus Eb Db Eb

82

day! On this Christ - mas

Fm² Fm $\frac{A^b}{E^b}$ Db² Eb sus $\frac{A^b}{C}$

85

day! On this Christ - mas

Db Eb Fsus $\frac{4}{2}$ Fm $\frac{C^m}{E^b}$ Db² Eb sus Eb⁷ sus

molto rit.

88

day!

Ab² N.C. Ab