

# Christmas is Coming!

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Music by Charles Paterson

**Mysteriously**  $q = 36$

Children's Choir

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano (Primo)

Piano (Secondo)

Earth grown old, Earth grown old, yet still so

Earth grown old, Earth grown old, yet still so

Earth grown old, Earth grown old, yet still so

Ch.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

Pno.

green, Deep be - neath her crust of cold, Nur - ses

green, Deep be - neath her crust of cold, Nur - ses

green, Deep be - neath her crust of cold, Nur - ses

15

Ch. \_\_\_\_\_

S. *fi re un - felt, un - seen:* \_\_\_\_\_

A. *fi re un - felt, un - seen:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Earth grown old,* \_\_\_\_\_

T. *fi re un - felt, un - seen:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Earth grown old,* \_\_\_\_\_

B. *fi re un - felt, un - seen:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Earth grown old,* \_\_\_\_\_

Pno. \_\_\_\_\_

Pno. \_\_\_\_\_

21 **More urgent q = 60**

Ch. \_\_\_\_\_

S. *mp* *We who live are quick - ly told\*:* *Mill - ions more lie hid \_\_\_\_\_ be - tween In - ner*

A. *mp* *We who live are quick - ly told\*:* *Mill - ions more lie hid be - tween \_\_\_\_\_ In - ner*

T. *mp* *We who live are quick - ly told\*:* *Mill - ions more lie hid be - tween \_\_\_\_\_ In - ner*

B. *mp* *We who live are quick - ly told\*:* *Mill - ions more lie hid \_\_\_\_\_ be - tween In - ner*

*\* told = counted*

Pno. **More urgent q = 60** \_\_\_\_\_

Pno. \_\_\_\_\_

26

Ch.

S. *f* swa - things of her fold, *f* When will fi r e break up her screen? *mf* When will

A. *f* swa - things of her fold, *f* When will fi r e break up her screen? *mf* When will

T. *f* swa - things of her fold, *f* When will fi r e break up her screen? *mf* When will

B. *f* swa - things of her fold, *f* When will fi r e break up her screen? *mf* When will

Pno. *f*

37

Ch.

S. *mp* life burst thro' her mould? *mp* Earth, earth, earth, thy cold is keen,

A. *mp* life burst thro' her mould? *mp* Earth, earth, earth, thy cold is keen,

T. *mp* life burst thro' her mould? *mp* Earth, earth, earth, thy cold is keen,

B. *mp* life burst thro' her mould? *mp* Earth, earth, earth, thy cold is keen,

Pno.

36 **A s a t q u e s t**

Ch. \_\_\_\_\_

S. \_\_\_\_\_

A. *p* Earth grown old, — *pp* Earth grown old, —

T. *p* Earth grown old, — *pp* Earth grown old, —

B. *p* Earth grown old, — *pp* Earth grown old, —

**A s a t q u e s t**

Pno. *pp*

Pno. *pp*

46

Ch. \_\_\_\_\_ *mp* Chris'-mas is co ming, —

S. *pp* Chris' mas, — Chris'- mas, — Chris'- mas, —

A. *pp* Chris' mas, — Chris'- mas, — Chris'- mas, —

T. *pp* Chris' mas, Chris'- mas, Chris'- mas,

B. *pp* Chris' mas, Chris'- mas, Chris'- mas,

Pno.

Pno. *pp* *pp*

52 *mf* **Brightly q = 72** *mf*

Ch. Chris'-mas is co- ming, \_\_\_\_\_

S. Chris'- mas, \_\_\_\_\_

A. Chris' - mas, \_\_\_\_\_

T. Chris'- mas, \_\_\_\_\_

B. Chris'- mas, \_\_\_\_\_

**Brightly q = 72**

Pno. *mf*

Pno. *mf*



59

Ch. Chris' -mas is co ming, the geese are get-ting fat, Please to put a pen-ny in the old man's hat.

S. \_\_\_\_\_

A. \_\_\_\_\_

T. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

Pno. *mf*

Pno. *mf*

*8va*

89 Moderately fast q. = 80

Ch.

S. *mf*  
Good day, SirChris - tè-mas, our\_ King, For ev' - ryman both

A. *mf*  
Good day, SirChris - tè-mas, our\_ King, For ev' - ryman both

T.

B.

Moderately fast q. = 80

Pno. *mf*

Pno. *mf*



94

Ch.

S. *f*  
old\_ and young Is glad and blithe of your co - ming. Good *f*

A. *f*  
old\_ and young Is glad and blithe of your co - ming. Good *f*

T.

B. *f*

Pno. *f*

Pno. *f*

97

Ch. day, good day, good day! \_\_\_\_\_

S. day, good day, good day! \_\_\_\_\_

A. day, good day, good day! \_\_\_\_\_

T. day, good day, good day! \_\_\_\_\_ *mf* For God - dès Son so much of might, From

B. day, good day, good day! \_\_\_\_\_ *mf* For God - dès Son so much of might, From

Pno. *mf*

Pno. *f* *mf*

101

Ch. \_\_\_\_\_ *f* Good

S. \_\_\_\_\_ *f* Good

A. \_\_\_\_\_ *f* Good

T. hea-ven to earth is down a - light, And born is of a maid so bright. *f* Good

B. hea-ven to earth is down a - light, And born is of a maid so bright. *f* Good

Pno.

Pno.

152

Rit. Not too fast q = 88

Ch.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

Pno.

Rit. Not too fast q = 88 *8va*



159

Ch.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

Pno.



164

Ch. Love was born at Christ - mas, star and an - gels gave the sign.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

Pno.

169

Ch. *mf* Wor-ship we the God - head, Love in - car-nate, Love di-vine; wor-ship we our

S. *pp* Ah Ah

A. *pp* Ah Ah

T. *pp* Ah Ah

B. *pp* Ah Ah

Pno. *pp* 8va

Pno. *p*

175

Ch. Je - sus: but wherewith for sa - cred sign?

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno. *mp*

Pno. *mp*

180

Ch. *f* Love shall be our to - ken, love be yours and love be mine,

S. *f* Love shall be our to - ken, love be yours and love be mine,

A. *f* Love shall be our to - ken, love be yours and love be mine, —

T. *f* Love shall be our to - ken, love be yours and love be mine,

B. *f* Love shall be our to - ken, love be yours and love be mine,

Pno. *f*

Pno. *f*

194 **As a t q fi 36 s t**

**Steady speed q. = 72**

Ch.  
S.  
A.  
T.  
B.

**As a t q fi 36 s t**

**Steady speed q. = 72**

Pno.  
Pno.



203 **accelerando**

**Slightly faster q. = 80**

Ch.  
S.  
A.  
T.  
B.

Good bread and good drink, a good  
Good bread and good drink, a good

**accelerando**

**Slightly faster q. = 80**

Pno.  
Pno.

210

Ch. 

S. 

A. 

T. 

B. 

Pno. 

Pno. 



214

Ch. 

S. 

A. 

T. 

B. 

Pno. 

Pno. 

Ch.

S.

A.

T. ca - rols to hear, As then in the coun - try is coun - ted good cheer.

B. ca - rols to hear, As then in the coun - try is coun - ted good cheer.

Pno. *f*

Pno.



Ch.

S. *mf*  
Good hus - band and hus - wife, now chief - ly be glad, Things

A. *mf*  
Good hus - band and hus - wife, now chief - ly be glad, Things

T. *mf*  
Good hus - band and hus - wife, now chief - ly be glad, Things

B. *mf*  
Good hus - band and hus - wife, now chief - ly be glad, Things

Pno.

Pno.

295

Ch. ca - rols to hear, As then in the coun-try is coun-ted good cheer. *ff* Chris' - mas is

S. ca - rols to hear, As then in the coun-try is coun-ted good cheer.

A. ca - rols to hear, As then in the coun-try is coun-ted good cheer.

T. ca - rols to hear, As then in the coun-try is coun-ted good cheer.

B. ca - rols to hear, As then in the coun-try is coun-ted good cheer.

Pno. *8*

Pno.



299

Ch. co - ming! Chris' - mas is co - ming!

S. *f* Good day, Sir Chris - tè -

A. *f* Good day, Sir Chris - tè -

T. *f* Good day, Sir Chris - tè -

B. *f* Good day, Sir Chris - tè -

Pno.

Pno.

Good day, good day,

Ch. *f* Good day, good day, *f* Good

S. mas, our King, good day Sir Chris - te - mas, our King, *f* Good

A. mas, our King, good day Sir Chris - te - mas, our King, *f* Good

T. mas, our King, good day Sir Chris - te - mas, our King, good day, good day,

B. mas, our King, good day Sir Chris - te - mas, our King, good day, good day,

Pno.

Pno. *marcato*



Good day, good day, good day!

Ch. *ff* Good day! *ff* Good day!

S. day, good day, Good day! *ff*

A. day, good day, Good day! *ff*

T. *f* Good day, good day, good day! *ff*

B. *f* Good day, good day, good day! *ff*

Pno.

Pno.