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“Music on Christmas Morning”

by Anne Brontë (1820-1849)

Music I love – but never strain
Could kindle raptures so divine,
So grief assuage, so conquer pain,
And rouse this pensive heart of mine –
As that we hear on Christmas morn
Upon the wintry breezes born.

Though Darkness still her empire keep,
And hours must pass, ere morning break;
From troubled dreams, or slumbers deep,
That music kindly bids us wake:
It calls us, with an angel’s voice,
To wake, and worship, and rejoice;
To greet with joy the glorious morn,
Which angels welcomed long ago,
When our redeeming Lord was born,
To bring the light of Heaven below;
The Powers of Darkness to dispel,
And rescue Earth from Death and Hell.

While listening to that sacred strain,
My raptured spirit soars on high;
I seem to hear those songs again
Resounding through the open sky,
That kindled such divine delight,
In those who watched their flocks by night.

With them – I celebrate His birth –
Glory to God, in highest Heaven,
Good will to men, and peace on Earth,
To us a saviour-king is given;
Our God is come to claim His own,
And Satan’s power is overthrown!

A sinless God, for sinful men,
Descends to suffer and to bleed;
Hell must renounce its empire then;
The price is paid, the world is freed.
And Satan’s self must now confess,
That Christ has earned a Right to bless:

Now holy Peace may smile from heaven,
And heavenly Truth from earth shall spring:
The captive’s galling bonds are riven,
For our Redeemer is our king;
And He that gave his blood for men
Will lead us home to God again.

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Andante ♩ = 80

1 *mp*

SOPRANO
Mu - sic I love but nev - er strain Could kin - dle rap - tures

ALTO
Mu - sic I love but nev - er strain Could kin - dle rap - tures

TENOR
Mu - sic I love but nev - er strain Could kin - dle rap - tures

BASS
Mu - sic I love but nev - er strain Could kin - dle rap - tures

Andante ♩ = 80

1 *mp*

Organ

6

S.
so di - vine, So grief as - suage, so con - quer pain, And rouse this pen - sive heart of mine

A.
so di - vine, So grief as - suage, so con - quer pain, And rouse this pen - sive heart of mine

T.
so di - vine, So grief as - suage, so con - quer pain, And rouse this pen - sive heart of mine

B.
so di - vine, So grief as - suage, so con - quer pain, And rouse this pen - sive heart of mine

Org.

11 2

S. As that we hear on Christ - mas morn, Up - on the win - try breez - es born.

A. As that we hear on Christ - mas morn, Ah

T. As that we hear on Christ - mas morn, Ah

B. As that we hear on Christ - mas morn, Ah *mf* Though Dark - ness still her

Org. *mp*

16

S.

A.

T. *mf*
And hours must pass, ere morn - ing_ break; From trou - bled dreams, or slum - bers. deep, That

B. em - pire keep, And hours must pass, ere morn - ing_ break; From trou - bled dreams, or slum - bers. deep, That

Org.

21

S. *mf*
Wake! Wor-ship! Re-joice! Wake! Wor-ship! Re

A. *mp*
Ah Ah

T. *mf*
mu-sic kind-ly bids us wake: It calls us, with an an-gel's voice, To wake, and wor-ship, and re-

B. *mf*
mu-sic kind-ly bids us wake: It calls us, with an an-gel's voice, To wake, and wor-ship, and re-

Org.

26

S. *f* 3
joice! To greet with joy the glo-ri-ous morn, Which an-gels wel-comed

A. *ff*
To greet with joy the glo-ri-ous morn, Which an-gels wel-comed

T. *f*
joice; To greet with joy the glo-ri-ous morn, Which an-gels wel-comed

B. *ff*
joice; To greet with joy the glo-ri-ous morn, Which an-gels wel-comed

Org. *ff* 3

30

S. long a - go, When our re - deem - ing Lord was born, To

A. long a - go, When our re - deem - ing Lord was born, To

T. long a - go, When our re - deem - ing Lord was born, To

B. long a - go, When our re - deem - ing Lord was born, To

Org.

33

S. bring the light of Heav'n be - low; The Pow - ers of Dark - ness to dis - pel, And

A. bring the light of Heav'n be - low; The Pow - ers of Dark - ness to dis - pel, And

T. bring the light of Heav'n be - low; The Pow - ers of Dark - ness to dis - pel, And

B. bring the light of Heav'n be - low; The Pow - ers of Dark - ness to dis - pel, And

Org.

37

4

mf

S. res - cue Earth from Death and Hell. While lis - ten - ing to that sac - red strain, My

A. res - cue Earth from Death and Hell. My *mf*

T. res - cue Earth from Death and Hell.

B. res - cue Earth from Death and Hell.

Org. *mf*

42

S. rap - tured spir - it soars on high; I seem to hear those songs a - gain Re - sound - ing through the

A. rap - tured spir - it soars on high; I seem to hear those songs a - gain Re - sound - ing through the

T. Re - sound - ing through the *mf*

B.

Org.

47

S. o - pen sky, That kin - dled such di - vine de - light, In those who watched their

A. o - pen sky, That kin - dled such di - vine de - light, In those who watched their

T. o - pen sky, Ah Ah

B. Ah Ah

Org.

51

S. f flocks by night. With them I cel - e - brate his birth Glo - ry to God, in high - est Heav'n,

A. f flocks by night. Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry to God! Good

T. f With them I cel - e - brate his birth Glo - ry to God, in high - est Heav'n,

B. f Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry to God! Good

Org. f

54

S. *Good will! Good will! Good will to men! Our God is come to*

A. *will to men, and peace on Earth, To us a sav- iour-king is giv'n; Our God is come to*

T. *Good will! Good will! Good will to men! Our God is come to*

B. *will to men, and peace on Earth, To us a sav- iour-king is giv'n; Our God is come to*

Org.

57

S. *claim His own, And Sa - tan's power is o - ver- thrown! A sin - less God, for*

A. *claim His own, And Sa - tan's power is o - ver- thrown! A sin - less God, for*

T. *claim His own, And Sa - tan's power is o - ver- thrown! A sin - less God, for*

B. *claim His own, And Sa - tan's power is o - ver- thrown! A sin - less God, for*

Org.

6

mp

p

61 *poco a poco crescendo*

S. sin-ful men, Des - cends to suf - fer and to bleed; Hell must re - nounce its

A. sin-ful men, Des - cends to suf - fer and to bleed; Hell must re - nounce its

T. sin-ful men, De - scends to suf - fer and to bleed; Hell must re - nounce its

B. sin-ful men, Des - cends to suf - fer and to bleed; Hell must re - nounce its

Org. *mf*

65

S. em - pire then; The price is paid, the world is freed. And

A. em - pire then; The price is paid, the world is freed. And

T. em - pire then; The price is paid, the world is freed. And

B. em - pire then; The price is paid, the world is freed. And

Org.

Poco meno mosso

68 *f con forza*

S. Sa-tan's self must now con - fess, That Christ has earned a Right to bless:

A. Sa-tan's self must now con - fess, That Christ has earned a Right to bless:

T. Sa-tan's self must now con - fess, That Christ has earned a Right to bless:

B. Sa-tan's self must now con - fess, That Christ has earned a Right to bless:

Org. *f* *poco rall*

Poco meno mosso

A tempo, Andante

73 *mp* 7

S. Now ho - ly Peace may smile from heav'n, And

A. Now ho - ly Peace may smile from heav'n, And

T. Now ho - ly Peace may smile from heav'n, And

B. Now ho - ly Peace may smile from heav- en, And

Org. *pesante*

A tempo, Andante

78

S. heav-en-ly Truth from earth shall spring; The cap - tive's gall - ing bonds are riv-en, For our Re-deem-er

A. heav-en-ly Truth from earth shall spring; The cap - tive's gall - ing bonds are riv-en, For our Re-deem-er

T. heav-en-ly Truth from earth shall spring; The cap - tive's gall - ing bonds are riv-en, For our Re-deem-er

B. heav-en-ly Truth from earth shall spring; The cap - tive's gall - ing bonds are riv-en, For our Re-deem-er

Org.

83

S. is our king; And He that gave his blood for men Will lead us home to

A. is our king; And He that gave his blood for men Will lead us home to

T. is our king; And He that gave his blood for men Will lead us home to

B. is our king; And He that gave his blood for men Will lead us home to

Org.

mp

87

S.
God a - gain.

A.
God a - gain.

T.
God a - gain.

B.
God a - gain.

Org.

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