

A Christmas Greeting

Op. 52

Part-Song for Two Soprano Solos, Tenor & Bass Chorus, Two Violins and Piano

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The musical score is arranged in three systems. The first system (measures 1-4) is marked **Andante** with a tempo of $\text{♩} = c.52$. It features two violins and piano. The violins play a melodic line with dynamics *f*, *mf*, *sf*, and *f*. The piano accompaniment is marked *f* and includes a *poco stringendo* section. Pedal markings (Ped. and *) are present. The second system (measures 5-8) begins with *allargando* and *ff* dynamics, then returns to *a tempo* with *p* and *dolce* markings. The piano part is marked *ff allargando* and *a tempo*. The third system (measures 9-12) is marked *espress.* and *f*. The piano part is marked *f*. Pedal markings (Ped. and *) are present throughout.

13

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Pno.

Red. *

Red. *

16

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Pno.

pp

pp

18

molto rit.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Pno.

molto rit.

attacca Allegretto

attacca Allegretto

Red. *

attacca Allegretto

*

20 **Allegretto** (♩. = c. 63)

Vln. 1 *p*

Vln. 2 *p*

Pno. *mf*

con ped.

24

Vln. 1 *pp*

Vln. 2 *pp*

S. Solo 1 *mf*

S. Solo 2

Pno.

Ped. *

Bowered on slo - ping hill sides rise In sun - ny glow, the pur - pling

28

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

S. Solo 1

vine;

S. Solo 2

mf

Be - neath the grey - er Eng - lish skies, In fair ar - ray, the

Pno.

Red. *

32

Vln. 1

p

Vln. 2

p

S. Solo 1

mf

To those in snow,

S. Solo 2

red - gold ap - ples shine. _____ To those in sun,

p

mf

T. B.

mf

To those in snow, To those in sun,

Pno.

p

mf

37

Vln. 1 *f*

Vln. 2 *f* *p*

S. Solo 1 *f*
Love is but one; Hearts beat and glow,

S. Solo 2 *f*
Love is but one; By oak or palm,

T. B. *f*
Love is but one, Love is but one; Hearts beat and glow By

Pno. *f* *p*

41

Vln. 1 *pp* *p*

Vln. 2 *pp* *p*

S. Solo 1 *p*
Friends, in storm or calm.

S. Solo 2 *p*
Friends, in storm or calm.

T. B. *p* *unis*
oak or palm, Friends, in storm or calm.

Pno. *pp*

46

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

S. Solo 1

S. Solo 2

T. B.

Pno.

pp

pp

mf

On and on old

50

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

S. Solo 1

S. Solo 2

Pno.

p

p

Ti - ber speeds, Dark with the weight of an - cient crime;

mf

Far

*Red. **

*Red. **

54

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

S. Solo 1

S. Solo 2

Pno.

north, thro' green_ nd qui - et meads, Flows on the Wye in mist and

58

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

S. Solo 1

S. Solo 2

T. B.

Pno.

To those in snow, Love is but one; _____

sil - v'ring time. _____ To those in sun,

To those in snow, To those in sun, Love is but

63

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

S. Solo 1

S. Solo 2

T. B.

Pno.

f Hearts beat and glow, Friends, Love is but one; By oak or palm, Friends, By oak or palm,

p *pp* *p* *pp* *p* *p* *pp*

67

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

S. Solo 1

S. Solo 2

T. B.

Pno.

p *p* *unis* palm, Friends, in storm or calm. *con ped.*

72 *rit.* *ten* *a tempo*

Vln. 1 *pp*

Vln. 2 *pp* *a tempo*

Pno. *p* *trm*

Ped. *

78 *trm*

Vln. 1 *pp* *pp*

Vln. 2 *pp* *pp* *trm*

S. Solo 1 *p*
The pif-fer - ra - ri wan-der far, _____ They seek the shrines, _____ and hymn the

S. Solo 2 *p*
The pif-fer - ra - ri wan-der far, _____ They seek the shrines, _____ and hymn the

T. B. *unis p*
The pif-fer - ra - ri wan-der far, _____ They seek the shrines, _____ and hymn the

Pno. *trm* *pp* *p*

84

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

S. Solo 1

S. Solo 2

T. B.

Pno.

f

peace which her - ald, an - gels,neath the star, Fore - told___ to

peace which her - ald, her - ald an - gels,neath the star, Fore - told___ to

her - ald an - gels Fore - told___

peace Which her - ald___ an - gels Fore - told to

90

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

S. Solo 1

S. Solo 2

T. B.

Pno.

p

trm

rit.

pp

p

pp

shep - herds,___ bid-ding strife___ to cease,___ bid-ding

shep - herds,___ bid-ding strife___ to cease,___ bid-ding

shep - herds.

p

rit.

96 **poco accel.**

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

S. Solo 1
strife to cease.

S. Solo 2
strife to cease. *f* Our

T. B.

poco accel.

Pno.

102 **a tempo**

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

S. Solo 1
Bells, sad - ly sweet, knell life's swift

S. Solo 2
Eng-land sleeps in shroud of snow,

T. B.

a tempo

Pno.

106

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

S. Solo 1

S. Solo 2

T. B.

Pno.

p flight. *mf* As 'No - el! No - el!

p And tears, un - bid, are wont to flow, *mf* As 'No - el! No - el!

110

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

S. Solo 1

S. Solo 2

T. B.

Pno.

mf *p* sounds a - cross the night. To those in snow,

mf *p* sounds a - cross the night. To those in sun,

p To those in snow, To those in sun,

115

Vln. 1 *f*

Vln. 2 *f*

S. Solo 1 *f*
Love is but one; _____ Hearts beat and glow,

S. Solo 2 *f*
Love is but one; _____ By oak or palm,

T. B. *f*
Love is but one, Love is but one; Hearts beat and glow By

Pno. *f* *p*

119

Vln. 1 *pp*

Vln. 2 *pp*

S. Solo 1 *p*
Friends, _____ in storm or calm.

S. Solo 2 *p*
Friends, _____ in storm or calm.

T. B. *p* palm, *unis*
oak or palm,

Pno. *pp* *p*

124 *rit.* a tempo

Vln. 1 *mf*

Vln. 2 *mf*

S. Solo 1 *pp*
 Friends, in storm or calm.

S. Solo 2 *pp*
 Friends, in storm or calm.

T. B. *pp*
 Friends, in storm or calm.

Pno. *rit.* a tempo *mf* *8va*

Red. * *Red.* *

128

Vln. 1 *f*

Vln. 2 *f*

Pno. *f*

Red. * *Red.* * *Red.* *