

AN A CAPPELLA CHRISTMAS

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a collection of new
FESTIVE SONGS & VERSE
reflecting the spirit of the season
specially arranged for
2 - 4 Unaccompanied Voices





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Is my own interpretation of the festive season, expressed in music and verse. The theme is based on the many and varied greeting cards we send and receive, from the traditional Christmas Message, to the picturesque and jovial.

This album has been compiled for unaccompanied performances. For those of you who would prefer some accompaniment in the way of instrumentation, I have included the chords on the assumption that there is always a guitar player available..

Music and Verse cover all of the moods of this joyful occasion and can be performed as a complete evening's entertainment or alternatively, individual pieces may be used for those of you looking for a little originality to spice up your existing repertoire. The introductory verses could be narrated by one or more individuals who may not want to be part of the choir.

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Note: If you'd prefer the songs in this album to have a piano accompaniment, please take a look at my other albums in this series: 'CHRISTMAS IS COMING - Ref:- DAW 2710-a 'CHRISTMAS IS HERE' - Ref DAW 210-b





*Young Peter Rabbit pricked up his ears
 Pawed at his whiskers and sniffed at the air
 Then prodding his sister he whispered in fright,
 "Hey Jennie wake up, there's something not right!"
 With grimacing protest she opened one eye.
 "What have you been up to?" She said with a sigh
 "I think it's the end of the world!" he replied
 "The clouds are all falling, they're lying outside"
 But Jennie just giggled and patted his head.
 "Silly boy, it's just snowing! Now go back to bed!"*



LITTLE FIR TREE

Little fir tree very small, little fir tree when you're tall
 Standing proud for all to see, you will be a Christmas tree
 We will take you home one night, garland you in tinsel bright
 What a picture you will be when you're a Christmas tree

Little fire tree when you grow, on your branches white with snow
 We will place a Fairy Queen, to survey the Christmas scene
 Bright reflections, pretty toys, some for girls and some for boys
 What a picture you will be, when you're a Christmas tree

Little fire tree very soon, little fir tree in our room
 From your coat of forest green, gold and silver stars will gleam
 Coloured lights will brightly burn, hanging lanterns twist and turn
 What a picture you will be when you're a Christmas tree

Little fire tree all alone, little fire tree in our home
 We will dream of you each night, shining in the candle light
 When your dressing is complete, we'll lay presents at your feet
 What a picture you will be, when you're a Christmas tree



Little Fir Tree

Smoothly & Sweetly

Words & Music - Dennis A. Westgate

Voice 1 *mp* Li-ttle fir tree ve-ry small. Li-ttle fir tree when you're tall

Voice 2 Li-ttle fir tree ve-ry small. Li-ttle fir tree when you're tall.

Am Em F C

5

V1 Stan-ding proud for all to see You will be a Christ-mas tree. We will take you

V2 Stan-ding proud for all to see . You will be a Christ-mas tree . We will take you

Dm C D G Am

10

V1 home one night. Gar-land you with tin-sel bright. What a pic-ture you will be when

V2 home one night. Gar-land you with tin-sel bright. What a pic-ture you will be

Em F C Dm C D7

15

V1 *D.C. al Fine* you're a Christ-mas tree *Final Ending* tree when you're a Christ-mas tree.

V2 you're a Christ-mas tree. tree when you're a Christ-mas tree.

Dm G7 C C Dm F G C

Mister Snow

Words & Music - Dennis A. Westgate

Brightly
mf $\bullet = 120$

Voice 1
 Swing-ing a-long with mis-ter snow. Pain-ting the scen-e-ry white.

Voice 2
 Swing-ing a-long with mis-ter snow. Pain-ting the scen-e-ry white.

G C A m D G

6
 V1 He has a way of stea-ling the show so watch for him to - night. —

V2 He has a way of stea-ling the show so watch for him to - night.

C D7 G A D

10
 V1 While mo-ther na-ture takes a rest he makes his en-trance clear

V2 While mo-ther na-ture takes a rest he makes his en-trance clear _____

G C A m G7

14
 V1 and mis-ter ro-bin warms his vest for win-ter time is here

V2 and mis-ter ro-bin warms his vest for win-ter time is here

A m G C G

18
 V1 Coda is - 'nt he like me. _____ *f*

V2 19 me. Say is - n't he like me. _____

C D G G

D.C. 3 times al Coda

Fine

Thoughts of Christmas

With a gentle lilt ♩ = 100

Words & Music by A. Dennis Westgate

Desc. *p* Oo _____ Oo _____ Oo _____

S1 *mf* Peo - ple Pla - ces all a round you fa - ces. Sounds of chil-dren sing - ing

S2 Peo - ple. Pla - ces all a-round you fa - ces. Sounds of chil-dren sing - ing

E♭ B♭7 E♭ B♭7 E♭ C m

7 Oo _____ Oo _____ Oo _____

cha - pel bells are ring - ing. Old time new time wel-com-ing the yule time.

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A♭ B♭7 E♭ B♭7 E♭ B♭7

13 Ooo _____ Oo _____ Oo _____ Ah _____

Joy - ful bless-ings one and all u - pon this ha - ppy Christ - mas day. Ev - ery girl and

Joy - ful bless-ings one and all u - pon this ha - ppy Christ - mas day. Ah

E♭ A♭ B♭7 E♭ B♭ E♭ A♭

Fine

19 Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____ Oo _____

boy will share a spe - cial dream to - night. ho - ping it comes true with the mor - ning light.

Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____ Li - ght.

G m F m G m F m G A♭6 B♭7

D.C. al Fine

The First Nativity

Words & Music - Dennis A. Westgate

Joyfully ♩ = 120

mf La la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la Come li-ttle chil-dren to

La la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la Come li-ttle chil-dren to

C F G C C

f Beth - l - e-hem. home of a ba - by boy Come to the ci - ty Of Beth l - e hem

Beth - l - e-hem. home of a ba - by boy Come to the ci - ty Of Beth l - e hem

F G C C F

Chorus

Sing of a mo-ther's great joy. **f** Come and re-joyce at a low-ly sta-ble won-der at all you see.

Sing of a mo-ther's great joy. Ah Ah Ah Ah

G C A^b G m F m C m

mf Look through the win - do - w there to find the first Na - ti - vi - ty.

Ah there to find the first Na - ti - vi - ty.

G C m F G G7

D.C. al Fine

Final Ending

mp Look through the win-do-w there to find the first Na - ti - vi - ty.

Ah there to find the first Na - ti - vi - ty.

G C m A^b B^b7 E^b

Rallentando

A Christmas Calypso

Light Calypso Style

Words & Music - Dennis A. Westgate

VOICE 1

mf $\text{♩} = 120$ A

li-ttle bird flew on my shoul-der to-day There was some-thing spe-cial he had to say

VOICE 2

A C F G C

6

V1

I saw the man-ger where Je-sus lay and then he spread his wings and swift-ly flew a-way

V2

I saw the Man-ger where Je-sus lay and then he spread his wings and swift-ly flew a-way

C F G C

10 **Chorus**

V1

Have you heard the sto-ry there's no doubt It is the

Descant in verses 2,3 & 4

V2

Have you heard the sto-ry that's go-ing a-bout Must be some-thing spe-cial of this there's no doubt.

F C F C

14

V1

great - - - est sto - - - ry for ev - ery one is tell - ing it to

Last time to Coda

V2

It's the grea - test sto - ry I'm bound to a - gree For ev - ery - one is tell - ing it to

F C D7

Ⓢ Coda *Rallentando* *Fine*

V1

me to me A Ev - ery one is tell - ing it to me to me.

V2

me to me A Ev - ery one is tell - ing it to me to me

G Fm G D7 G7 C G7 C

Today is Born a King

Bright & Cheerful (♩ = 120)

Words & Music - Dennis A. Westgate

Voice 1 *mf* Ding dong ding dong Hear the church bells ring. A new King born to - day

Voice 2 Hear the church bells ring. A new King born to - day

Bm D C G

5 **Chorus**

V1 *ff* Ding dong hear the bells ring out in song. Good ti - dings now they bring.

V2 Ding dong Bells ring out in song Ti - dings now they ring a ding a ding dong

G Em Am D G D7

9 *Last time to Coda* **Verse**

V1 Ding dong hear the bells ring out in song. To - day is born a King Two young folk came t - o

V2 Hear the bells ring out in song Day is born a King Two young folk came to

G Em Am D G G G

14

V1 Be-th - l - e hem by go - vern - ment de - cree and in a sta - ble a son was born to them of

V2 Be-th - l - e hem Go - vern - ment de - cree In a sta - ble Son was born to them of

Am D G D7 G Am D

19 **⊕ Coda**

V1 hu - man de - i - ty day is born a King *ff*

V2 hu - man de - i - ty. day is born a King

G D9 G G Am D G

Christmas Wishes

Moderato (♩ = c. 108)

Words & Music - Dennis A. Westgate

Voice 1

mf Ah _____ Ah _____

Voice 2

Ah _____ Ah _____

F G m F G m

5

V1

May we wish you peace and joy A to - ken from a ba-by boy Born this day in star-ry light

V2

May we wish you peace and joy A to - ken from a ba-by boy Born this day in star-ry light

F F F7 B♭m F F7 F G m C B♭

11

V1

Think of him to - night May we wish you ha - ppi-ness A to - ken of his ten-der-ness

V2

Think of him to - night May we wish you ha - ppi-ness A to - ken of his ten-der-ness

G7 C F F F7 B♭m G m A7

17

V1

Born this day by can-dle-light think of him to - night For long a - go in Beth-le-hem in -

V2

Born this day by can-dle-light think of him to - night Long a - go in Beth-le-hem in -

D G m B♭ F C7 F B♭ G m A m D m

f

A Christmas Cradle Song

Sofily & Sweetly

Words & Music - Dennis A. Westgate

S1

pp

S2

Doo_____ Doo_____

9

p

Bring me a cra - dle hang it up high. Light me a

Doo_____ Doo_____

F A m G m C7 F

14

can - dle up in the sky Rock me a ba - by

Rock me a ba - by

A m G m C7 E A m

19

Last time to Coda

co - sy and warm Ro - sy and pink like the dawn_____

co - sy and war - m Ro - sy and pink like the Like the

D G m F G7 C9

Christmas is Here

Slowly with feeling

Words & Music by Dennis A. Westgate

1 Can - dle glow Mis - tle - toe. Peo - ple hu - rry

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B \flat m E \flat m Fm

4 through the snow through the snow fa - ces all a - glow there's

4 through the snow Chil - dren's fa - ces all a - glow there's

B \flat B \flat E \flat M7

Chorus

7 ma - gic in the air. For Christ - mas is

7 ma - gic in the air. For Christ - mas is

FM7 B \flat D

10 here. Yes Christ - mas is here. So we'll wish you a me - rry

10 here. Yes Christ - mas is here. So we'll wish you a me - rry

Gm Gm E \flat M7 Dm

A Winter's Morning

With great expression

Words & Music by Dennis Westgate

Soprano

Moderato (♩ = c. 108)

Soprano

Oooh _____ Oooh _____

Alto

Oooh _____ Oooh _____

Tenor

Ah _____ Ah _____

Sop.

Mor - ning _____ On a cold win-ter's mor - ning In the grey of De-

Sop.

Ooo _____ Oooh _____ Oooh _____

Alt

Oooh _____ Oooh _____ Oooh _____

Ten.

Ah _____ Ah

Sop.

cem - ber life has be - gun

Sop.

Oooh _____ Oooh _____ Life has be gun Ooh _____

Alt

Oooh _____ Ooh _____

Ten.

Ah _____ Ah

2 A Winter's Morning

13

Sop. Wai - ting _____ for the dawn I am wai - ting and the world all a -

Sop. Ooh _____ Ooh _____ Ooh

Alt. Ooh _____ Ooh _____

Ten. Ah _____

17

Sop. round me waits for the Son. _____

Sop. Ooh _____ Waits for the Son waits for the son Ah _____

Alt. Ah _____ waits for the Son Ah _____

Ten. Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____

21

Sop. snow see how _____ lin - gers _____

Sop. Snow fall-ing on snow see how it lin - gers _____ Ah _____

Alt. Snow fall-ing on snow see how it lin - gers Ah _____

Ten. Snow fall-ing on snow see how it lin - gers _____ Ah _____