

To Cindy, Matthew, and Brandon,
Merry Christmas

THE FIRST NOEL/PACHELBEL'S CANON

for S.A.T.B. voices and piano (two players) or organ*

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Traditional English Carol
and Canon in D by
JOHANN PACHELBEL (1653-1706)

Andante

PRIMO

SECONDO

5

9

SOPRANO & ALTO

mp unis.

The_

* Also available 3-part mixed (7731) and S.S.A. (7753).

13

first _____ No - el, the an - gel did say, _____ Was to

The musical score for measures 13-16 is in G major (one sharp). The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The lyrics "first _____ No - el," are aligned under the first four notes. The vocal line continues with a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a half note G5. The lyrics "the an - gel did say, _____ Was to" are aligned under the next four notes. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a simple harmonic accompaniment in the left hand.

17

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay.

TENOR & BASS *unis* *mp*

In _____

The musical score for measures 17-20 is in G major. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The lyrics "cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay." are aligned under the first four notes. The vocal line continues with a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a half note G5. The lyrics "In _____" are aligned under the next four notes. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a simple harmonic accompaniment in the left hand. The dynamic marking *mp* (mezzo-piano) is indicated.

21

fields _____ where they lay_ keep - ing their sheep, _____ On a

25

cold win - ter's night _____ that was _____ so deep. No -

unis. mf

mf,

29

el, _____ No - el, No - el, _____ No - el. _____

el, No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el.

mf

mf

Musical score for measures 29-32. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains the lyrics "el, _____ No - el, No - el, _____ No - el. _____". The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef with the same key signature. It contains the lyrics "el, No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el." The piano part features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The dynamic marking *mf* (mezzo-forte) is present in both staves.

33

Born is the King _____ of Is - ra - el. _____ No -

f

f

f

Musical score for measures 33-36. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains the lyrics "Born is the King _____ of Is - ra - el. _____ No -". The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef with the same key signature. It contains the lyrics "Born is the King _____ of Is - ra - el. _____ No -". The piano part features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The dynamic marking *f* (forte) is present in both staves.

37

SOP. (opt. div.)

mf

No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, No -

ALTO

el, No - el, No - el, No - el, No -

*unis.**mf*

No - el, No - el, No - el, No -

*mf**mf*

41

el.

el.

el.

unis. mf

For

45

all to see there was a star — shin - ing in the east be - yond them

49

mf And to — the — earth it gave — great — light, light both

mf And to — the — earth it gave — great — light, and it con - tin - ued

far. And to the earth it gave light —

52

day and night.
both day and night.
day _____ and _____ night.

This block contains the musical notation for measures 52 and 53. It features three vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, and Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is D major (two sharps). The lyrics are: "day and night." for the Soprano, "both day and night." for the Alto, and "day _____ and _____ night." for the Bass. The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with eighth-note patterns and a left hand with a simple bass line.

54

This block contains the musical notation for measures 54 and 55. It features three vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, and Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is D major (two sharps). Measures 54 and 55 are primarily instrumental for the piano, with the vocal staves containing whole rests. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note patterns in the right hand and simple bass line in the left hand.

56 SOP. & ALTO unis

mf (first time only)

57

The first No

TEN. & BASS unis.

(second time only)

fields where

(Play second time only)

58

el,

the an - gel did

they lay keep - ing their

60

say, _____ Was to cer - tain poor
sheep, _____ On a cold win - ter's

This block contains the musical notation for measures 60 and 61. It features a vocal melody in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'say, _____ Was to cer - tain poor' for measure 60 and 'sheep, _____ On a cold win - ter's' for measure 61. The piano part consists of eighth-note chords in the right hand and single notes in the left hand.

62

shep - herds in fields as they
night _____ that was _____ so

This block contains the musical notation for measures 62 and 63. It continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment from the previous section. The lyrics are: 'shep - herds in fields as they' for measure 62 and 'night _____ that was _____ so' for measure 63. The piano part continues with similar eighth-note chords and single notes.

64

66

1. lay. No - el, No -

2. *f* No - el, No - el,

mf In - deep. *f* No - el, No - el,

1. *f*

2. *f*

1. *f*

2. *f*

67

el, *cresc.* *ff* No - el, No - el.

No - el, *cresc.* *ff* No - el, No - el.

cresc. *ff*

cresc. *ff*

8va - - -

70

sub. *p* *mf*

Born is the King — of Is - ra - el. No -

sub. *p*

sub. *p*

74

S. *mf* opt. div. *rit. cresc.*

No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el.

A. *cresc.*

el, No - el, No - el, — No - el, No - el.

T. unis. *mf* *cresc.*

B. *mf*

No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el.

rit. cresc. rit.

mf *cresc.*