

# Christmas Eve

Poem: Christina Rossetti

Music: Steve Murray

**Largo** ♩ = 40 \*  
*mp*

Soprano  
Christ-mas hath a dark-ness bright-er than the blaz-ing noon, Christ-mas hath a chill-ness

Alto  
Christ-mas hath a dark-ness bright-er than the blaz-ing noon, Christ-mas hath a chill-ness

Tenor  
Christ-mas hath a dark-ness bright-er than the blaz-ing noon, Christ-mas hath a chill-ness

Bass  
Christ-mas hath a dark-ness bright-er than the blaz-ing noon, Christ-mas hath a chill-ness

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Piano  
**Largo** ♩ = 40 \*  
*mp*

\* This piece should be sung with very little vibrato.



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S *mf*  
warm - er than the heat of June, Christ - mas hath a beau - ty — love - lier than the world can show: for

A *mf*  
warm - er than the heat of June, Christ - mas hath a beau - ty — love - lier than the world can show: for

T *mf*  
warm - er than the heat of June, Christ - mas hath a beau - ty — love - lier than the world can show: for

B *mf*  
warm - er than the heat of June, Christ - mas hath a beau - ty — love - lier than the world can show: for

Pno. *mf*

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S *mf*  
Christ - mas bring - eth Je - sus, Brought for us so low. Earth, strike up your mu - sic

A *rit.* *mf*  
Christ - mas bring - eth Je - sus, Brought for us so low. Earth, strike up your mu - sic

T *rit.* *mf*  
— mas bring - eth Je - sus, Brought for us so low. — Earth, strike up your mu - sic

B *rit.* *mf*  
Christ - mas bring - eth Je - sus, Brought for us so low. Earth, strike up your mu - sic

Pno. *rit.* *mf*

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S birds that sing and bells that ring; Heav'n hath ans - 'ring mu - sic for all an - gles soon to sing;

A birds that sing and bells that ring; Heav'n hath ans - 'ring mu - sic for all an - gles soon to sing;—

T birds that sing and bells that ring; Heav'n hath ans - 'ring mu - sic for all an - gles soon to sing;—

B birds that sing and bells that ring; Heav'n hath ans - 'ring mu - sic for all an - gles soon to sing;

Pno.

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S *f* Earth put on your whit - est — brid - al robe of spot - less snow; For Christ - mas bring - eth Je - sus, *rit.*

A *f* Earth put on your whit - est — brid - al robe of spot - less snow; For Christ - mas bring - eth Je - sus, *rit.*

T *f* Earth put on your whit - est — brid - al robe of spot - less snow; For Christ - mas bring - eth Je - sus,

B *f* Earth put on your whit - est — brid - al robe of spot - less snow; For Christ - mas bring - eth Je - sus, *rit.*

Pno.

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The musical score is for a four-part vocal setting of "Christmas Eve" with piano accompaniment. It is written in B-flat major and 4/4 time. The score is divided into two systems. The first system covers measures 16 to 24, and the second system covers measures 25 to 32. The vocal parts are Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The piano part is labeled "Pno." and consists of two staves. The lyrics are: "Brought for us so low. Christ-mas bring-eth Je-sus, Brought for us so low." The score includes performance markings such as *a tempo*, *p* (piano), *meno mosso*, and *rit.* (ritardando). There are also repeat signs (//) and fermatas at the end of phrases.

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