FIRST BOOK OF Christmas Carol Accompaniments

arranged by William Wieland

Christmas Carol Accompaniments

For years I have arranged traditional Christmas carol accompaniments for class piano students, music majors with little or no previous experience playing piano. Just before Christmas break, we have a sing-along. Each student accompanies one carol and the rest of the class sings along.

I want to share these pieces beyond my classroom in schools, homes, and churches with beginning and intermediate pianists as well as more advanced musicians who are in the mood (or need!) to sight read Christmas carols.

These are true accompaniments. The pianist plays no melodies. To facilitate performance, no carol has a page turn.

I must thank hundreds of students for the impetus to create and improve this collection. I also thank fellow music educators and my immediate family for additional comments and suggestions.

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Melodies for transposing instruments are sold separately.

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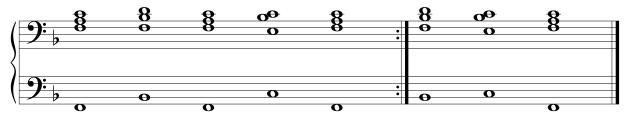
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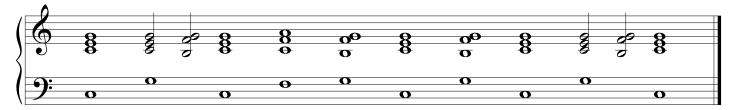
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"Away in a Manger"



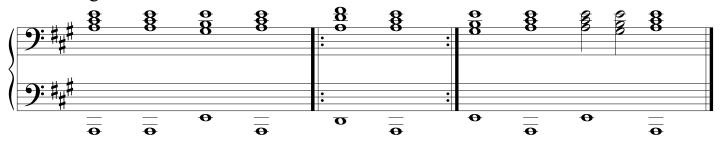
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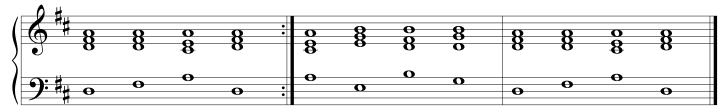
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Away in a Manger



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Joy to the World



I Saw Three Ships

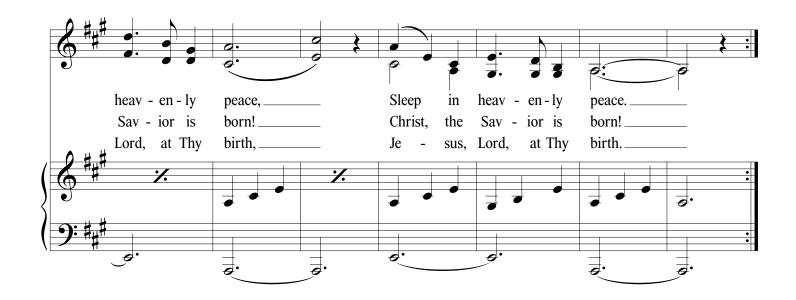
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English Carol



Silent Night





Stille Nacht

- Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,
 Alles schläft, einsam wacht
 Nur das traute hochheilige Paar,
 Holder Knabe im lockigend Haar,
 Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!
 Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!
- 2. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,
 Hirten erst kundgemacht
 Durch der Engel Hallelujah,
 Tönt es laut von fern und nah:
 Christ, der Retter ist da!
 Christ, der Retter ist da!
- 3. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,
 Gottes Sohn, O wie lacht
 Lieb' aus deinem göttlichen Mund,
 Da uns schlägt die rettende Stund'.
 Christ, in deiner Geburt!
 Christ, in deiner Geburt!

O Come Little Children



O Come Little Children

(syncopated accomp.)



Good King Wenceslas





- 4. "Sire, the night is darker now,
 And the wind blows stronger;
 Fails my heart, I know not how,
 I can go no longer."

 "Mark my footsteps, my good page,
 Tread thou in them boldly:
 Thou shalt find the winter's rage
 Freeze thy blood less coldly."
- 5. In his master's steps he trod,
 Where the snow lay dinted;
 Heat was in the very sod
 Which the Saint had printed.
 Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
 Wealth or rank possessing,
 Ye who now will bless the poor,
 Shall yourselves find blessing.

Jolly Old Saint Nicholas



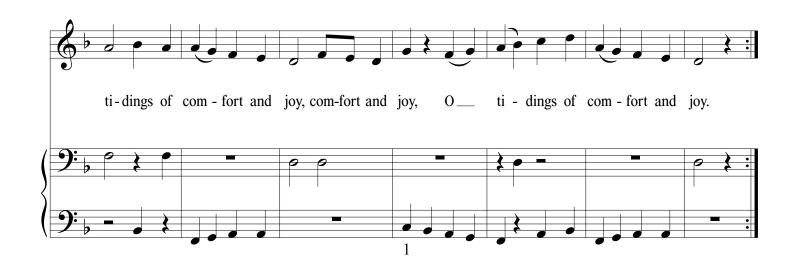
Come, All Ye Shepherds



God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

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4. But when to Bethlehem they came whereat this infant lay,They found Him in a manger where oxen feed on hay;His Mother Mary kneeling down unto the Lord did pray.

(Refrain)

5. Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas all other doth efface.

(Refrain)

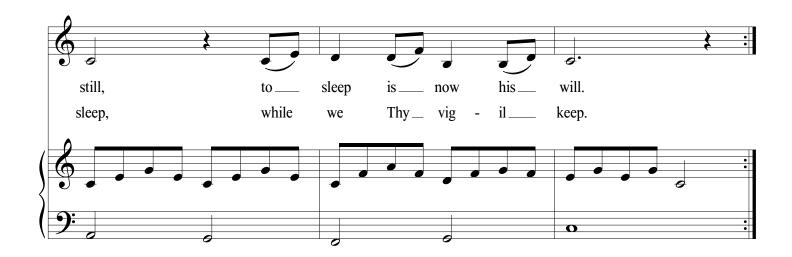
Joy!

Still, Still, Still

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Austrian Christmas Lullaby





- Still, still, still, weil's Kindlein schlafen will.
 Maria tut es niedersingen,
 ihre keusche Brust darbringen.
 Still, still, still, weil's Kindlein schlafen will.
- 2. Schlaf, schlaf, mein liebes Kindlein, schlaf! Die Englein tun schön musizieren, vor dem Kripplein jubilieren. Schlaf, schlaf, mein liebes Kindlein, schlaf!
- 3. Groß, groß, groß, die Lieb' ist übergroß. Gott hat den Himmelsthron verlassen und muss reisen auf den Straßen. Groß, groß, groß, die Lieb' ist übergroß.
- 4. Auf, auf, auf, ihr Adamskinder auf! Fallet Jesum all' zu Füßen, weil er für uns d'Sünd tut büßen! Auf, auf, auf, ihr Adamskinder auf!
- 5. Wir, wir, wir rufen all' zu dir: Tu uns des Himmels Reich aufschließen, wenn wir einmal sterben müssen. Wir, wir, wir, wir rufen all' zu dir.

The Twelve Days of Christmas





O Christmas Tree



We Wish You a Merry Christmas

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English Folk Song



We Three Kings







4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom; Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

(Refrain)

5. Glorious now behold Him arise;King and God and sacrifice;Alleluia! Alleluia!Peals through the earth and skies.

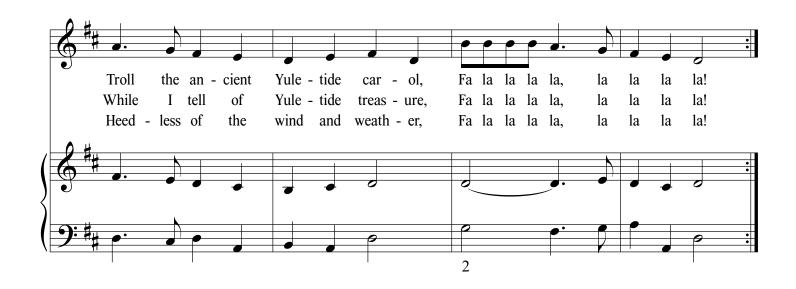
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Deck the Halls

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Likely an Old Welsh Air

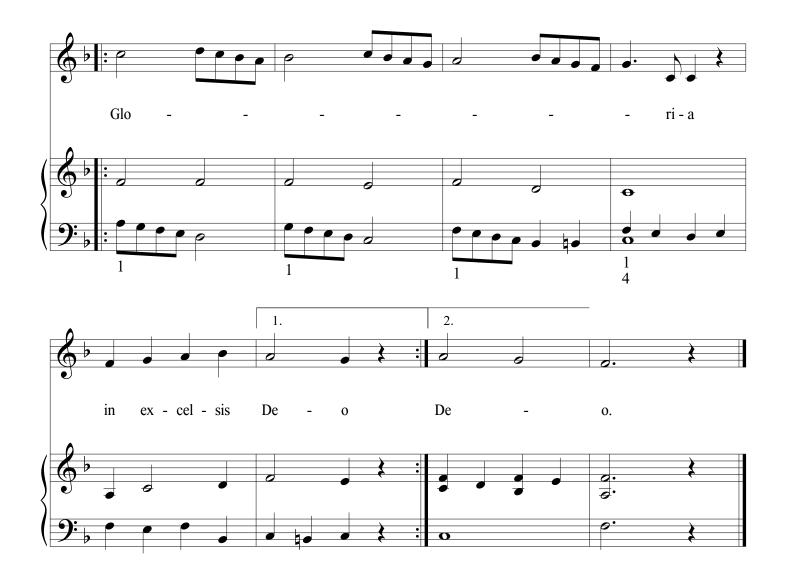




Fa la la la la, la la la la!

Angels We Have Heard on High





Alternate verse 4.

See Him in a manger laid, Whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.

Gloria In excelsis Deo. (twice)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing





What Child Is This?





The First Noel





Noel!





- With glow-ing hearts by His cra-dle we stand.
 So led by light of a star sweet-ly gleam-ing,
 Here come the wisemen from O-ri-ent land.
 The King of kings lay thus in low-ly man-ger;
 In all our tri-als born to be our friend.
 He knows our need, our weak-ness is no stran-ger,
 Be-hold your King! Be-fore Him low-ly bend!
 Be-hold your King! Be-fore Him low-ly bend!
- His law is love and His gos-pel is peace.
 Chains shall He break, for the slave is our broth-er.
 And in His name all op-pres-sion shall cease.
 Sweet hymns of joy in grate-ful cho-rus raise we,
 Let all with-in us praise His ho-ly name.
 Christ is the Lord! O praise His name for-ev-er,
 His pow'r and glo-ry ev-er-more pro-claim!
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Coventry Carol

Arr. by William Wieland Medieval English Tune Tranquillo 1. Lul - lay, Thou lit tle ti -Child, ny 2. O sis - ters, how do, too, may we 3. Her - od his the King, in rag ing, 4. Then woe is me, poor Child, for Thee, 2 mfmpThou Bye bye, lul ly, lul lay._ Lul - lay, lit tle day;__ For this This Young - ling for to pre serve poor Charg - ed of might, he hath this His men day;_ in And mourn and For Thy part - ing, ev er nor say; mf mpChild. ti ny Bye bye, lul ly, lul lay._ whom sing, Bye bye, lul we ly, lul lay._ his chil - dren sight, All young, to own slay. ___ bye, lul say sing, Bye ly, lul nor lay._ p

O Little Town of Bethlehem



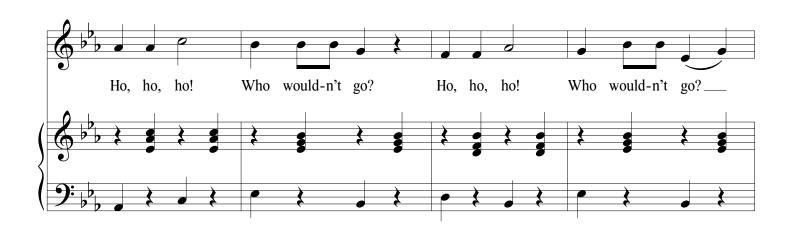
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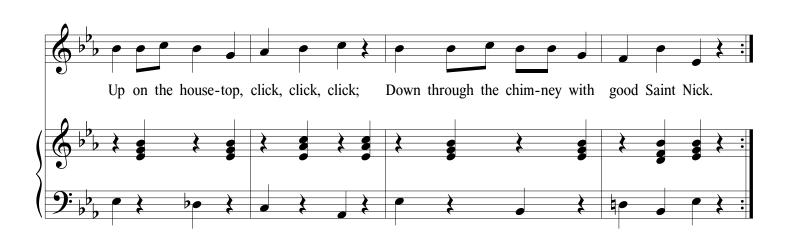




Up on the Housetop





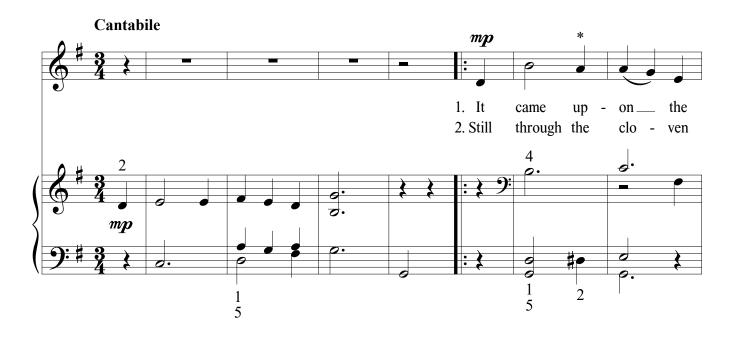


Ho, ho, ho!

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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Music by Richard Storrs Willis Words by Edmund Hamilton Sears





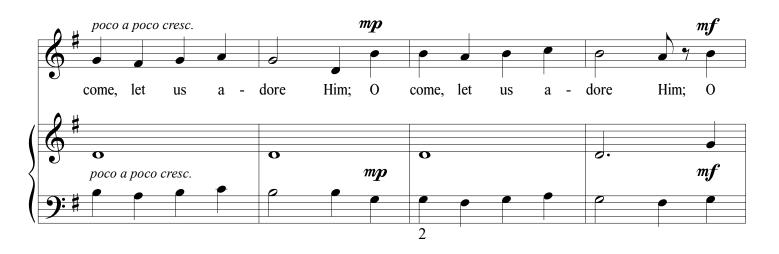
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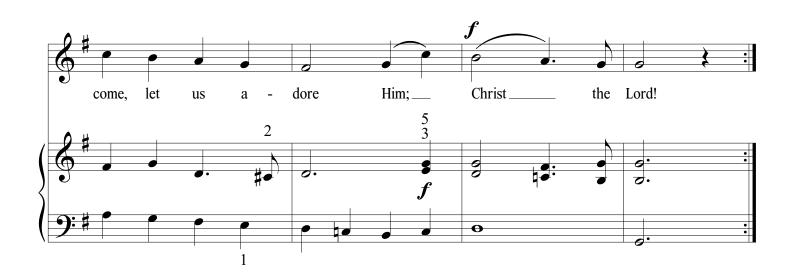


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O Come, All Ye Faithful







Sing!

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

