

Wassail!

CAROLS OF COMFORT AND JOY

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1. What sweeter music can we bring?

Words: from *A Christmas Carol* by Robert Herrick (1591–1674)

Music: *The Wexford Carol* (Irish traditional)
arr. Alexander L'Estrange

Free and contemplative ♩ = c. 56

1 Solo or small group* 2 Add 1 or more singers at each new numbered phrase 3

Unison Children

What sweet-er mu - sic can we bring? That a - - - - - for to sing The

5 *più f* **Slower**

birth of this our heav'n-ly King? A - wake the voice! A - wake the string!

2. The Sussex carol

Words: English trad.
(after Bishop Luke Wadding, d. 1686)

Music: Trad. (collected by Ralph Vaughan Williams
from Mrs Verrall, of Monk's Gate, Sussex, in 1904)
arr. Alexander L'Estrange

Jolly n... c. 100

Piano

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* Feel free to make the most of your venue: perhaps the first soloist could be offstage or in a balcony.
Experiment also with lighting effects — e.g. start in darkness and add lights as the voices join in...

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ri - sing of__ the sun And the run - ning of the de__ the play - ing of__ the

66

mer - ry or - gan, Sweet sing - ing all in__ the choir

"GLOUCESTERSHIRE" V.4 (canon)

70

mf The hol - ly bears a pric - kle, As sharp as a - ny thorn, And

mf the hol - ly bears a pric - kle, As sharp as a - ny

p

75

CHORUS 4

Ma - ry bore__ sweet Je - sus Christ, On__ Christ - mas day__ in the morn. Oh the

thorn, And__ Ma - ry bore__ sweet Je - sus Christ, On__ Christ - mas day__ in the

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8. The Wexford carol

Words: Anon., from Shawcross's *Garland of the Old Castleton Christmas Carols* (Derbyshire, 1904); also known as *The Ennischorthy Christmas Carol* (County Wexford Museum, Ireland)

Music: Irish traditional
arr. Alexander L'Estrange

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Piano *mp espress.*

8 *piu mf* **PREVIEW ONLY** *mp*

14 **PREVIEW ONLY**

19 *mf* VERSES 1 & 3

1. Good peo - ple_ all this Christ-mas time Con - si - der well_ and
Beth - le - hem did shep-herds keep Their flocks of lambs_ and

mp **PREVIEW ONLY**

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bear in mind What our good_ God for us has done in send-ing his_ be-
feed-ing sheep; To whom God's_ an - gels did ap-pear, Which put the shep - herds

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