

A CHRISTMAS SONG

for Mezzo Soprano and Strings

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Solo *slow*

Violin I *slow* *p*

Violin II *slow* *p*

Viola *slow* *p*

Cello *slow* *p*

Contrabass *slow*

10

The shep- herds sing; and should I si- lent be? My

15

God, no hymn for Thee? My soul's a shep- herd

p

20

too: a flock it feeds Of thoughts, and words, and deeds.

solo tutti

25

Musical score for measures 25-29. The vocal line has rests for measures 25-28 and begins in measure 29. The piano accompaniment includes various rhythmic patterns and dynamics such as *p* and *rubato*. Time signatures change from 4/4 to 5/4.

30

35

Musical score for measures 30-35. The vocal line includes the lyrics "The pas-ture is Thy Word; the streams, Thy". The piano accompaniment includes dynamics like *mp*, *pp*, and *p*, and markings like *rit* and *tie*. Time signatures change from 5/4 to 3/4 and back to 4/4.

40

Grace En- rich- ing all the place. Shep-herd and

p

45

flock shall sing, and all my powers Out- sing the day- light

solo tutti

50

hours. *pp*

tutti *pp* 4:3

pizz *arco* *accelerand*

pizz *simile* *accelerand* *cres*

pizz *simile* *accelerand* *cres*

g.

55

staccat *pp*

staccat *pp*

f *arco*

f *arco*

ff *ff*

arco *ff*

60

65

staccat

f

staccat

f

p

70

pp

pp

ppp

ppp

mf

mp

ppp

p

ppp

mp

75

mf I will go

p.

pizz

p.

simile

pizz

80

search-ing, till I find a sun Shall stay till we have done;

staccat

85

A will- ing shin- er, that shall shine as glad-ly As frost-nipt suns look sad- ly.

pizz

pizz

pizz

90

ff Then I will sing, and shine all my own day, *mp* 95 slower

And

arco

f

arco

f

arco

f

arco

f

arco

f

110

shine.

pp

accelerand *staccat* *mf*

accelerand *staccat* *mf*

accelerand

f *accelerand*

f *accelerand*

115

rit *ppp*

rit *ppp*

rit