

Commissioned by Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana

# Four Christmas Tableaux

Rustic Settings for the celebration of Christ's Birth

for Chorus, Symphonic Band and Strings

## I. See Amid the Winter's Snow

Frank Felice

Rollicking (♩. = 100 - 112)

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Band

winds & perc.

*mf*

6

S

A

T

B

Band.

11

S  
A  
T  
B

Band.

low winds & strings

*mf* *f*

17

S  
A  
T  
B

Band.

*mf* *mf* *mp*

Say ye ho - ly shep - herds say what your joy - ful  
Say ye ho - ly shep - herds say what your joy - ful

*mp*

22

S news to-day: Where - fore have ye left your sheep on the lone - ly

A news to-day: Where - fore have ye left your sheep on the lone - ly

T

B

Band.

26

S moun - tain steep?

A moun - tain steep?

T

B

Band.

*f* *mf* hrns. & tbns.

*mf*

31

S *mf* See a - mid the wint - er's snow

A *mf* See a - mid the wint - er's snow

T

B

Band. *mp*

*f*

35

S born for us on earth be - low! Lo, with - in the mang - er lies He who built the

A born for us on earth be - low! Lo, with - in the mang - er lies He who built the

T

B

Band.

40

S  
star - ry skies!

A  
star - ry skies!

T

B

Band.

45

S  
*f*  
Hail, thou ev - er bles - sed morn!

A  
*f*  
Hail, thou ev - er bles - sed morn!

T  
*f*  
Hail, thou ev - er bles - sed morn!

B  
*f*  
Hail, thou ev - er bles - sed morn!

Band.  
*f* Tutti

*tutti cresc.*

49

S Hail, re-demp - tion's hap - py dawn! Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem,

A Hail, re-demp - tion's hap - py dawn! Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem,

T Hail, re-demp - tion's hap - py dawn! Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem,

B Hail, re-demp - tion's hap - py dawn! Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem,

Band.

53

***ff***

S Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!

A ***ff*** Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!

T ***ff*** Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!

B ***ff*** Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!

Band.

58 *f*

S As we watched at dead of night, Lo, we saw a

A As we watched at dead of night, Lo, we saw a

T

B

Band.

63

S won-drous light; Ang-els sing-ing "Peace on Earth" told us of the Sav-iour's birth.

A won-drous light; Ang-els sing-ing "Peace on Earth" told us of the Sav-iour's birth.

T

B

Band.

68

S *f* Hail, Hail, bles - sed morn! Hail,

A *f* Hail, Hail, bles - sed morn! Hail,

T *ff* Hail, thou ev - er bles - sed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's

B *ff* Hail, thou ev - er bles - sed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's

Band. *ff*

72

S *fff* hail, hap - py dawn! Sing through all Je - ru - sal - em, Christ

A *fff* hail, hap - py dawn! Sing through all Je - ru - sal - em, Christ

T *fff* hap - py dawn! Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem, Christ

B *fff* hap - py dawn! Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem, Christ

Band. *f*



76

S  
A  
T  
B

Band.

("st") is born in Beth - le-hem!

2 2

80

S  
A  
T  
B

Band.

84

S  
A  
T  
B

Band.

*p*

## II. As with Gladness Men of Old

Slower -- distant (♩ = ca. 80)

90

S  
A  
T  
B

Band.

Euph./Tbn. solo

*mp*

humming -- cf. P.J. Christiansen

96

S

A

T

B

Band.

102

S

A

T

B

Band.

choral parts are cued in the band/string parts

*p*

106

S

solo ad lib.

*mf*

A

As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold, As with joy they

*p*

T

mmm...

*p*

B

mmm...

Band.

111

S

*mf*

A

Oh...

*f*

hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, burn-ing bright! So, most gra-cious

*mf*

T

Oh...

*mf*

B

Oh...

Band.

no decresc., however, follow soloist (or section)

115

S  
mmm...

A  
God, may we, Ev - er - more be led to thee.

T  
mmm...

B  
mmm...

Band.  
flutes/clar. *pp* *mf*

Euph./Tbn. solo

120

S

A

T

B

Band.  
*f*

124 *f*

S As with joy - ful steps they tread to that low - ly man - ger bed, There to bend the

A As with joy - ful steps they tread to that low - ly man - ger bed, There to bend the

T As with joy - ful steps they tread to that low - ly man - ger bed, There to bend the

B As with joy - ful steps they tread to that low - ly man - ger bed, There to bend the

Band. *f* Tutti (doubl. choir)

129 *ff*

S knee be - fore Him who heav - en and earth a - dore, So may we with

A knee be - fore Him who heav - en and earth a - dore, So may we with

T knee be - fore Him who heav - en and earth a - dore, So may we with

B knee be - fore Him who heav - en and earth a - dore, So may we with

Band. *ff*

133

S  
wil - ling feet ev - er seek the mer - cy seat!

A  
wil - ling feet ev - er seek the mer - cy seat!

T  
wil - ling feet ev - er seek the mer - cy seat!

B  
wil - ling feet ev - er seek the mer - cy seat!

Band.

*mf* *mp*

138

S

A

T

B

Band.

*p* *p*

Hushed -- like a prayer -- (♩ = 68 - 76)

142 *p*

S Ho - ly Je - su, eve - ry day keep us in the nar - row way; And, when earth - ly

A Ho - ly Je - su, eve - ry day keep us in the nar - row way; And, when earth - ly

T

B

Band. *pp* Vibes/clar.

147

S things are past, Bring our ran - somed souls at last Where they need no

A things are past, Bring our ran - somed souls at last Where they need no

T Where they need no *p* + a few altos if need be --

B Where they need no

Band.



151

S  
star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.

A  
star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.

T  
star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.

B

Band.

### III. Personent Hodie

Quickly, with spirit!! (♩ = ca. 162)

155

S

A

T

B

Band.

**ff** Tutti

160

S

A

T *f*  
Sing a - loud on this day, all you chil - dren raise the lay,

B *f*  
Sing a - loud on this day, all you chil - dren raise the lay,

Band. *mf* winds & perc.

164

S

A

T *f*  
Cheer - ful - ly we hast - en to a - dore thee He who's sent from High - est

B *f*  
Cheer - ful - ly we hast - en to a - dore thee He who's sent from High - est

Band.

168 *f*

S All must join him to be praised girls and boys their

A All must join him to be praised girls and boys their

T *mf*  
glo - ry! For us is born, born, born! For us is born, born, born!

B *mf*  
glo - ry! For us is born, born, born! For us is born, born, born!

Band. *mf*

172

S voi - ces raise, on this day, this day of days! Christ - mas

A voi - ces raise, on this day, this day of days! Christ - mas

T For us is born, on this morn

B For us is born, on this morn

Band.

176

S  
news the ang - els bring - ing!

A  
news the ang - els bring - ing!

T  
of the Vir - gin Ma - ry.

B  
of the Vir - gin Ma - ry.

Band.

*ff* >

Brass

180

S

A

T

B

Band.

184

S *ff* Sing a - loud on this day,

A *ff* Join we all, all all! Join we

T *ff* Sing a - loud on this day,

B *ff* Join we all, all all! Join we

Band. *f*

188

S all you chil - dren raise the lay, Cheer - ful - ly we hast - en to a - dore thee

A all, all, all! Join we all in - sing - ing the ang - el's newswe'ring - ing,

T all you chil - dren raise the lay, Cheer - ful - ly we hast - en to a - dore thee

B all, all, all! Join we all in - sing - ing the ang - el's newswe'ring - ing,

Band.

192 *fff*


S  
Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - - - -

A  
Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - - - -

T  
Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - - - -

B  
Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - - - -

Band.  
*ff*

196 *poco accel . . . . .* 

S  
o!

A  
o!

T  
o!

B  
o!

Band.  
*loco*

# IV. What Cheer?

Tempo I (♩. = 100 - 112)

200

S

A

T

B

Band.

205

S

A

T

B

Band.

210

S

A

T

B

Band.

215

S

A

T

B

Band.

*f*

Lift up your hearts and be glad, be glad, be



219

S glad in Christ's birth, the ang - el bade Say to each oth - er if an - y be sad:

A *ff* What

T

B

Band.

223

S *ff* Good cheer! Good cheer, good cheer, good cheer, good cheer!

A cheer? What cheer? Good cheer, good cheer, good cheer!

T *ff* Good cheer! Good cheer, good cheer, good cheer, good cheer!

B *ff* What cheer? Good cheer, good cheer, good cheer!

Band. *ff*

227

*f*

S The King of heav'n his birth hath take,

A

T The King of heav'n his birth hath take,

B

Band.

231

S Joy and mirth we ought to make; Say to each oth - er for his sake: *ff* Good cheer!

A *ff* Whatcheer? What

T Joy and mirth we ought to make; Say to each oth - er for his sake: *ff* Good cheer!

B *ff* What

Band.

236

S Good cheer, good cheer, good cheer, good cheer!

A cheer? good cheer, good cheer, good cheer!

T Good cheer, good cheer, good cheer, good cheer!

B cheer? good cheer, good cheer, good cheer!

Band.

240

S *fff* Hail, thou ev - er bles - sed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's

A *fff* Hail, thou ev - er bles - sed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's

T *fff* Hail, thou ev - er bles - sed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's

B *fff* Hail, thou ev - er bles - sed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's

Band. *ff* Tutti

244

S  
hap - py dawn! Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem!

A  
hap - py dawn! Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem!

T  
hap - py dawn! Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem!

B  
hap - py dawn! Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem!

Band.

248

S  
Be mer-ry and glad on this New Year!

A  
Be mer-ry and glad on this New Year!

T  
Be mer-ry and glad on this New Year!

B  
Be mer-ry and glad on this New Year!

Band.