

The Overman Carols, V.

Son of Heaven, Song of Earth

Christmas Carol, 1991

Unison and S.A.T.B. with piano

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All voices UNISON

Pressed down be - neath a spread - ing world, full deaf - ened by its

cla - mor, We can - not find a voice to sing, nor yet a word to stam - mer.

But wait! An an - gel's wing sweeps near and in its trace of

12 12

mf mp

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This musical score consists of three staves of music for voice and piano. The top staff is for 'All voices UNISON'. The middle staff is for piano, and the bottom staff is for bass. The music is in common time with a key signature of one sharp. The vocal line begins with a sustained note followed by eighth notes. The piano accompaniment features eighth-note chords. The lyrics are integrated into the musical phrases. Measure numbers 1, 6, and 12 are indicated at the beginning of each section. Dynamics such as 'mf' (mezzo-forte) and 'mp' (mezzo-piano) are marked throughout the score.

17 glo - ry, Our ears are o - pened and we sing a - gain the Christ - mas sto - ry!

mf

17

f *mp* crescendo

23 Son of Hea - ven, Song of Earth, Thou art Mu - sic in Thy birth. *mf* Play with-in our

f

23

29 hearts to-day, On this won - drous Christ-mas day. S.A.T.B. *mf* En - tan - gled now in Time's em-brace, a -

29

35

drift with-out a bear-ing,

Mid change and loss we blun-der on, for - get - ful and de-

35

35

spair - ing.

But look! The an - gel lights our way be -

41

41

yond Time's wild con - fu - sion.

mf So find we in this babe our Peace, our

46

46

S.A. unison

Way, our sure Con - clu-sion. Son of Hea - ven, Song of Earth, Thou art Mu - sic in Thy birth.

T.B. unison

All voices UNIS

Play with-in our hearts to-day, On this won - drous Christ-mas day. Now

legato, very softly

sing we all in pure de - light, this day of ce - le - bra - tion! No

more can dark' - ning worlds sup - press our song of ju - bi - la - tion!

68

mf

73

No more can Time's swift - flow - ing stream con - ceal bright Heav - en's por - tal.

stately

73

78

For Christ is born, and in this child we hear the Hymn Im - mor - tal.

ff

mp

f

78

83

ff Son of Hea - ven, Song of Earth, Thou art Mu - sic in Thy birth. *f* Play with-in our

f

83

89

hearts to - day, On this won - drous

crescendo

89

91

Christ - mas day.

91

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- 8 -

f