

SATB

O Holy Night

\$2.95

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Arranged by
Christopher Alexander

SATB and Piano
with optional Violin and Cello

cantareworks

THE MUSIC OF CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

About the Work

This is a masterful rendition of the renowned Christmas carol. With the chorus gently opening in unison (and closing in the same way), the audience is then taken on a beautiful lyrical journey. The part-writing in each of the voices give the chorus the opportunity to blend and even make the chords ring with excitement throughout the work. The instruments uses triplets and duplets interchangeably throughout the work as they seamlessly accompany the lyrics to the beloved tune. Your violinist and cellist will have a performance outreach as they play their respective melodic lines. The key change further explores the optimism and hope the Christmas season brings, culminating in a thunderous vibrant moment on the word “glory”, proclaiming the power of His majesty before tapering into the divine night. The audience will be inspired with your choir’s performance of this work.

Violin and cello part scores are included. Commissioned by Ashland United Methodist Church of Saint Joseph, Missouri for their 2022 Christmas Eve services.

*O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Til he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;*

*Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born.
O night, O holy night, O night divine.*

*Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is Love and His gospel is Peace;
Chains shall be break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his name all oppression shall cease,
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise his Holy name!*

*Christ is the Lord, then ever! ever praise we!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!
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— John Sullivan Dwight (1813-1895)

About the Composer



Mr. Christopher Alexander is an award-winning composer and arranger from St. Joseph, Missouri. He received his Bachelor of Science in Vocal Music Education degree from Missouri Western State University in 2009. A self-taught pianist, his compositions and arrangements ranging from instrumental works to vocal solo and choral literature. Mr. Alexander has been commissioned numerous times by singing groups and church choirs within the northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas regions. He is also active in musical theatre productions as a music director and pianist. His works have been published with GIA Music Publications and Hal Leonard.

In 2016, he was awarded the St. Joseph Allied Arts Council Mayor's Award for Artist of the Year. In 2022, he was inducted into the New Generation Singers Hall of Fame.

Mr. Alexander currently serves as the pianist and primary arranger for The New Generation Singers, a Christian singing youth group based in St. Joseph, Missouri. He is a member of NAFME, ACDA, MCDA, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity.

He is available for commissions and conducting events on request.

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for SATB Chorus and Piano
with opt. Violin and Cello

Lyrics by
JOHN SULLIVAN DWIGHT

Music by ADOLPHE ADAM
Arranged by CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

Largo espressivo (♩ = c. 52-54)

Violin

Cello

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Soprano

Alto

p not overpowering

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Tenor

Bass

O ho - ly night,

Largo espressivo (♩ = c. 52-54)

Piano

Pedal harmonically throughout

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*Violin and Cello part scores on pages 19-22.

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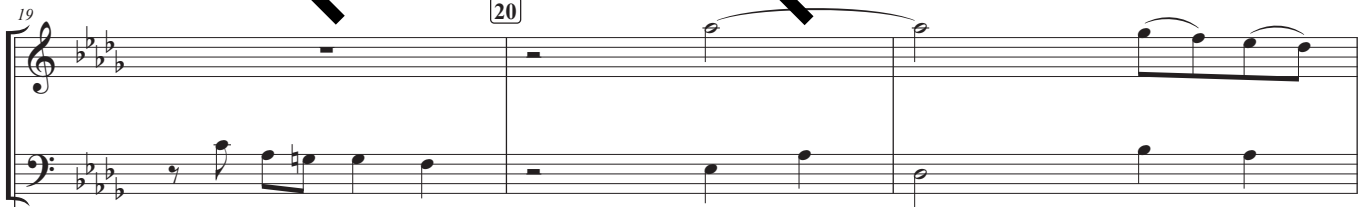
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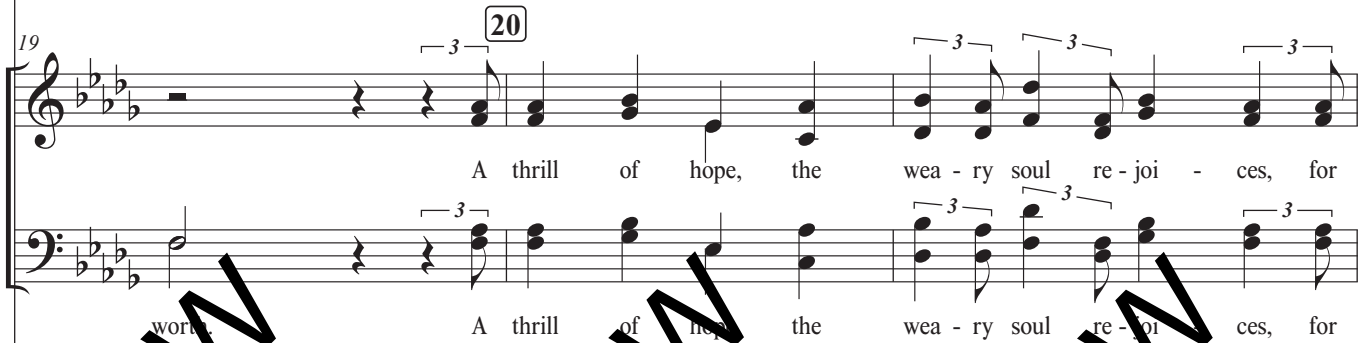
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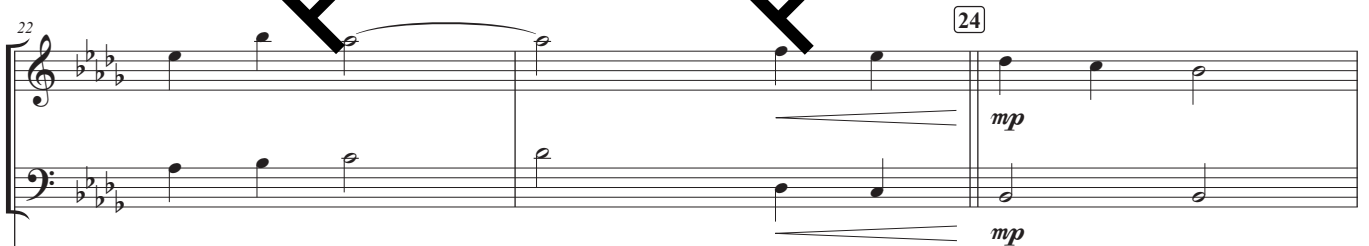


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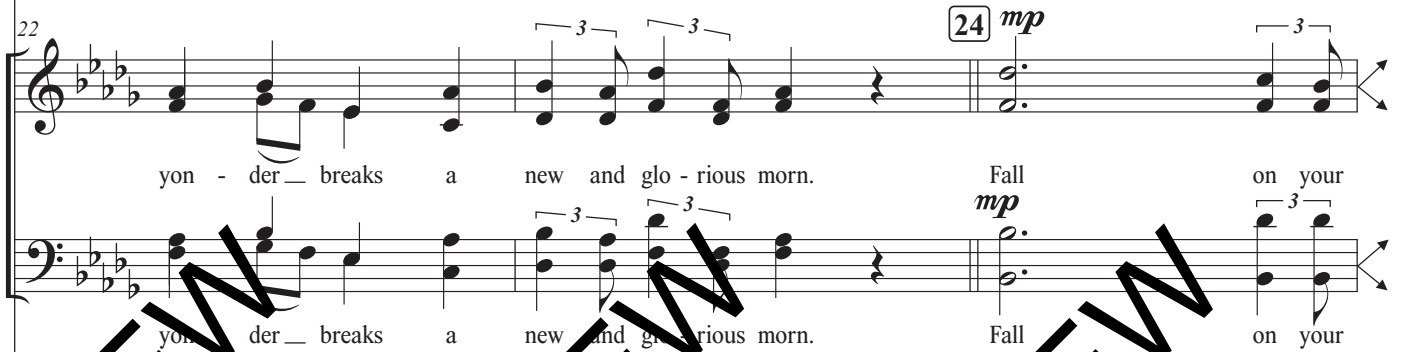
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