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A Child's Song of Christmas

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Music by
Christopher Alexander

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About the Work

This lyrical Christmas poem gets an equal treatment with a folk-like melody and simple harmonies that illustrate the humble beginnings of Christ's birth. Available in multiple voicings, this song is appropriate for all ages at school concerts, worship services, and other musical performances.

*My counterpane is soft as silk,
My blankets white as creamy milk.
The hay was soft to Him, I know,
Our little Lord of long ago.*

*Above the roof the pigeons fly
In silver wheels across the sky.
The stable boys they cooed to them,
Mary and Christ in Bethlehem.*

*Bright shines the sun across the drifts,
And bright upon my Christmas gifts.
They brought Him incense, myrrh, and gold,
Our little Lord who lived of old.*

*O, soft and clear our mother sings
Of Christmas joys and Christmas things.
God's holy angels sang to them,
Mary and Christ in Bethlehem.*

*Our hearts they hold all Christmas dear,
And earth seems sweet and heaven seems near.
O, heaven was in His sight, I know,
The little Child of long ago.*

— Marjorie L. F. Pickholt (1883-1922)

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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Andante espressivo (♩ = c. 78-80)

PIANO *mp*

Musical notation for the piano introduction, consisting of two staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is marked *mp* and *Andante espressivo*.

5 SOPRANO I & II *unis. mp*

ALTO

My

Vocal staves for Soprano I & II and Alto. The Soprano part begins with the word "My" and is marked *unis. mp*. The Alto part is currently silent.

Piano accompaniment musical notation for the first system, showing the right and left hand parts.

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coun-ter-pane is soft as silk, My blank-ets white as cream-y milk. The

Vocal staves with lyrics. The Soprano part has the lyrics: "coun-ter-pane is soft as silk, My blank-ets white as cream-y milk. The".

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Piano accompaniment musical notation for the second system, showing the right and left hand parts.

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hay was soft to Him, I know, Our lit - tle Lord of long a - go. A -

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bove the roofs the pigeons fly In sil - ver wheels a - cross the sky. The

mp

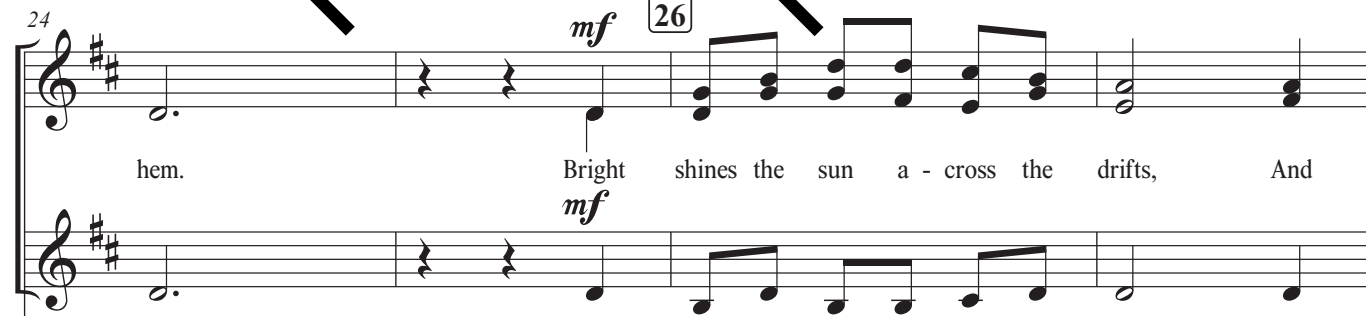
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sta - ble - doves they cooed to them, Ma - ry and Christ in Beth - le -

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24 *mf* **26**
hem. Bright shines the sun a - cross the drifts, And



24 *mf* **26**



28 bright up - on my Christ-mas gifts. They brought gifts in - cense, myrrh, and gold, Our



28



32 lit - tle Lord who lived of old. Oh,



32

