

SATB

(This is) Christmas Morning

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Music by
Christopher Alexander

SATB, a cappella

cantareworks

THE MUSIC OF CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

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About the Work

An upbeat and inviting song for the Christmas season, your choir will have a fun time performing this work! This playful illustration of Edwin Waugh's text features a lilting beat and lyrical voice leading, along with a short quotation of *Deck the Hall* and a solo opportunity.

*Come all you weary wanderers,
Beneath the wintry sky;
This day forget your worldly cares,
And lay your sorrows by;
Awake, and sing
The church bells ring;
For this is Christmas morning!*

*With grateful hearts salute the morn,
And smell the streams of song,
That laden with great joy are borne,
The willing air aloft
The tidings tell
With right good will
For this is Christmas morning!*

*We'll tinge the fresh green holly wreath,
And make the yule-log low;
And dance ther gaily underneath
The winking mistletoe;
All blithe and bright
By the glad fire-light;
For this is Christmas morning!*

*Come, sing the carols old and true,
That mind us of good cheer,
And, like a heavenly fall of dew,
Revive the drooping year;
And fill us up
A wassail-cup;
For this is Christmas morning!*

*To all poor souls we I strew the feast,
With kindly heart, and free;
One Father owns us, and, at least,
Today we'll brothers be;
Away with pride,
The holy tide;
For it is Christmas morning!*

*So now, God bless us one and all
With hearts and hearthstones warm
And may He prosper greet and smile
And keep us out of harm;
And teach us still,
His sweet good-will,
This merry Christmas morning!*

— Edwin Waugh (1817-1890)

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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Rousing (♩ = 108-112)

mf unis.

SOPRANO
ALTO

Come all you wea - ry wan - d'ers, Be - neath the win - try sky; This

TENOR
BASS

mf unis.

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day for - get your world - ly cares, And lay your sor - rows by; A -

wake, and sing The church bells ring; For

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this is Christ - mas morn - ing! With

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this is Christ - mas morn - ing! With

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this is Christ - mas morn - ing! With

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unis.

grate - ful hearts sa - lute the morn, And swell the streams of song, That
swell the streams of song,

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unis.

le - ad, with great joy are borne, will - ing air a - long; The
The will - ing air a - long;

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ti - dings thrill With right good will; For

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SOP. only

this is Christ - mas morn - ing! We'll

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ALTO only

BASS only *TEN. only*

twine the fresh green holl - y wreath, And
And make the yule - log low;

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TUTTI

ga - ther gai - ly un - der - neath The wink - ing mi - stle - toe; All

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SOP. div.

blithe and bright For

TUTTI

TEN. div.

By the glad fire light; this is Christ - mas morn - ing! Come,

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unis.

sing the car - ols old and true *Deck the hall with boughs of hol - ly, That*

unis.

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unis.

mind us of good cheer. *Fa la la la la la la la la. And,*

unis.