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Music by  
Christopher Alexander

*SAB and Piano*

*Also available in: SATB, SSA, TTB, and Unison/Two-Part*

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THE MUSIC OF CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

## About the Work

This gentle and lyrical setting of Harriett Blodgett's poem evokes a whimsical remembrance and thankfulness in the yuletide season. The folk-like melody is supported by the legato arpeggiations of the piano and the blossoming texture of the vocal harmonies that enliven the poetic text. Suitable for school choirs and community choruses of any size, let this song be a reminder of the many gifts the Christmas season continues to give for all of us.

*Oh! holly branch and mistletoe,  
And Christmas chimes where'er we go,  
And stockings pinned up in a row!  
These are thy gifts, December!*

*And if the year has made thee old,  
And silvered all thy locks of gold,  
Thy heart has never been a-cold  
Or known a fading ember.*

— Harriet F. Blodgett

## 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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Adagio espressivo (♩ = 64)

PIANO

*mp legato*

5 SOPRANO, ALTO *unis. mp* 8

Oh! hol - ly branch and

5 8

9 mis - tle - toe. And Christ - mas chimes where -

9

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13

e'er we go. And stock - ings pinned

13

17

up in a row! These are thy gifts,

17

21

SOPRANO, ALTO

*mf* 24

De - cem - ber! Oh! hol - ly branch and

BARITONE

*mf* *unis.*

21

24

*mf*

25

mis - tle - toe. And Christ - mas chimes where -

This block contains the vocal line for measures 25 through 28. It features a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are "mis - tle - toe. And Christ - mas chimes where -". The melody is simple and follows the natural inflection of the words.

25

This block contains the piano accompaniment for measures 25 through 28. It features a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. The right hand plays a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes, while the left hand provides a steady bass line.

29

e'er we And stock - ings pinned

This block contains the vocal line for measures 29 through 32. It features a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are "e'er we And stock - ings pinned". The melody continues from the previous section.

29

This block contains the piano accompaniment for measures 29 through 32. It features a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. The right hand continues the rhythmic eighth-note pattern, and the left hand maintains the bass line.

33

up in a row! These are thy gifts.

This block contains the vocal line for measures 33 through 36. It features a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are "up in a row! These are thy gifts.". The melody concludes with a final chord.

33

This block contains the piano accompaniment for measures 33 through 36. It features a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. The right hand continues the rhythmic eighth-note pattern, and the left hand maintains the bass line.

37

40

De - cem - ber! And if the

37

40

41

year has made the gold And sil - vered

41

45

all thy locks of gold, Thy heart has

45