

SATB

December

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Music by  
Christopher Alexander

*SATB and Piano*

*Also available in: SAB, 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

9

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

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13

e'er we go. And stock - ings pinned

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17

up in a row. These are thy gifts,

17



21

SOPRANO, ALTO

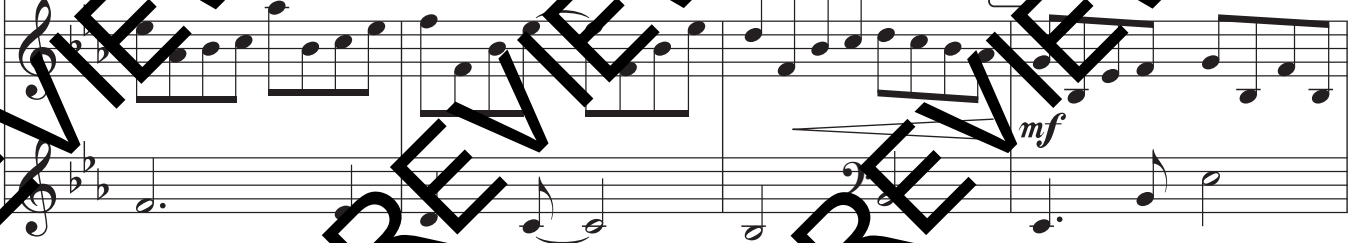
*mf* 24

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

TENOR, BASS

*mf* *unis.*

21



24

*mf*

25

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

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29

e'er we go. And stock - ings pinned

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33

up in a row! These are thy gifts.

33

37 40

De - cem - ber! And if the

Piano accompaniment for measures 37-40.

41

year has made thee old, and sil - vered

Piano accompaniment for measures 41-44.

45

all thy locks of gold, Thy heart has

Piano accompaniment for measures 45-48.