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Have Yourself a Merry (Blessed) Little Christmas

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About the Work

Did you know that the famous tune *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* has alternate lyrics? After the success of the original, one of its writers Hugh Martin could not find success in his other endeavors. With economic woes and falling notoriety, Hugh wrote new lyrics for the tune to encapsulate his feelings of his once-great success, but more importantly for the reason he wrote that song in the first place. This arrangement incorporates those new lyrics with the original chorus, and it will surely warm your heart upon hearing these new words paired with the familiar melody.

About the Arranger



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 range from instrumental works to local 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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These original compositions and arrangements were written for
The New Generation Singers of St. Joseph, Missouri.

This singing youth group has been traveling across the United States and Canada with their annual sermons-in-song since 1970 — over 50 years!

Proceeds from this choral series will go directly to benefit The New Generation Singers.

For more information about The New Generation Singers, visit ngsingers.com.

Arranged for The New Generation Singers of St. Joseph, Missouri

HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY (BLESSED) LITTLE CHRISTMAS

SSA and Piano

Arranged by
CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER
and BYRON "BEMO" MYERS II

Original Words and Music by
HUGH MARTIN and RALPH BLANE
New Lyrics by
HUGH MARTIN

With reverence (♩ = 92)

SOPRANO I
SOPRANO II

ALTO

PIANO

With reverence (♩ = 92)

C

F(add2)

C

F(add2)

mp *fill as desired, not overpowering vocals

5

mp unis.

Have your - self a mer - ry lit - tle Christ - mas.

Let your heart be light.

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Let your heart be light.

5

C

F(add2)

C

F(add2)

G

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9

From now on our trou- bles will be out of sight.

From now on our trou- bles will be out of sight.

9 C /B Am7 /G Dm7 G7 E7 A7 D9 G13 G7

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of music, measures 9 through 12. It features two vocal staves with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "From now on our troubles will be out of sight." The piano part includes chords: C, B, Am7, G, Dm7, G7, E7, A7, D9, G13, and G7.

13

Have your - self a mer - ry lit - tle Christ - mas. Make the yule - tide gay.

Have your - self a mer - ry lit - tle Christ - mas. Make the yule - tide gay.

13 C F(add2) C F(add2) G

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of music, measures 13 through 16. It features two vocal staves with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "Have yourself a merry little Christmas. Make the yule-tide gay." The piano part includes chords: C, F(add2), C, F(add2), and G.

17

From now on our trou- bles will be far a - way.

From now on our trou- bles will be far a - way.

17 C /B Am7 /G Dm7 E7 A7 D9 G13 C7

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of music, measures 17 through 20. It features two vocal staves with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "From now on our troubles will be far away." The piano part includes chords: C, B, Am7, G, Dm7, E7, A7, D9, G13, and C7.

21

mf

Let us gath - er to sing to Him and to bring to Him our praise,

mf

Let us gath - er to sing to Him and to bring to Him our praise,

21

F maj7

Em7

/A

Am7

Dm7

Dm7/G G7

Cmaj7

25

Son of God and a friend to all to the end of all our days.

unis.

Son of God and a friend to all to the end of all our days.

25

F#m7(b5)

D#dim7

Em

Cm6/Eb

G/D

D/F#

F/G

G13 G7

29 *mp*

Let us all pro - claim the joy - ous ti - dings, voi - ces raised on high,

mp

Let us all pro - claim the joy - ous ti - dings, voi - ces raised on high,

29

C F(add2) C F(add2) G

33 *mf*

send this ca - rol soar - ing up in - to the sky, this

mf

send this ca - rol soar - ing up in - to the sky, this

33

C /B Am7 /G Dm7 E Am C7/G C7