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About the Work

A humble and heartfelt message to the feeling we experience at Christmastime, this Zach Williams tune certainly carries the holiday spirit in its musicality. In a strutting 12/8 meter and lyric-driven melody, your choir will enjoy performing this work for your next concert. Premiered at the 2022 New Generation Singers Christmas concerts.

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 ranging 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 - Byron "Bemo" Myers II, director
As recorded by Zach Williams

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Arranged by
CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

Words and Music by
JONATHAN SMITH, NATALIA DAVIDSON,
DALLAS DAVIDSON, TONY WOOD,
and ZACH WILLIAMS

Soulful (♩. = c. 60)

PIANO

C G sus/B Am7 Gm C7/G

SOLO *mf*

I don't wan - na

F F/G C F/G

5

take those lights down off the tree, — pick up the stock-ings or pull down the wreath.

5

C G sus/B Am7 Gm C7/G

mp

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I Don't Want Christmas to End - SSA

7

I don't want Christ - mas to end. We can leave the

F F/G C F/G

Detailed description: This system contains the first two measures of the piece. The vocal line starts with a treble clef and a 7-measure rest, followed by the lyrics 'I don't want Christ - mas to end.' The piano accompaniment features a bass line with a 7-measure rest and a right-hand line with chords and moving lines. Chords are labeled F, F/G, C, and F/G.

9

wrap - ping pa - per sca - tter - ed on the floor. Let the fire crack - le a lit - tle bit more.

C Gsus/B Fm Gm C7/G

Detailed description: This system contains measures 9 through 12. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'wrap - ping pa - per sca - tter - ed on the floor. Let the fire crack - le a lit - tle bit more.' The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. Chords are labeled C, Gsus/B, Fm, Gm, and C7/G.

11

Oh, I don't want Christ - mas to end. It's been a

F F/G C F/G

Detailed description: This system contains measures 11 through 14. The vocal line begins with a 11-measure rest, followed by the lyrics 'Oh, I don't want Christ - mas to end. It's been a'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. Chords are labeled F, F/G, C, and F/G.

13 SOLO

long, long year, — wish we could stay right here. Let's wake up to -

mf SOPRANO I & II

Oo

mf ALTO

13 C Gsus/B Am7 Gm C7

15

mor - row and do it all — a - gain. These mo - ments I

15 F F/G C F/C

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17

love the most, — my heart just can't let go, so I'm hold - ing on.

oo

17

C G sus/B Gm7 Gm

19

Solo tacet til m. 48

I don't want Christ - mas — to end.

19

F/G C F/G

21

mf unis.

Musical staff with lyrics: Snow is fall-ing and my world feels right. I got child-ren laugh-ing, "It's a Won-der-ful Life".

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mf

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21

C

G sus/B

A m7

G m

C7

Piano accompaniment for measures 21-22, including bass and treble clefs.

23

unis.

Musical staff with lyrics: I don't want Christ-mas to end. As I'm tell-ing

I don't want Christ-mas to end. As I'm tell-ing

As I'm tell-ing

23

F

F/G

C

F/G

Piano accompaniment for measures 23-24, including bass and treble clefs.

25

Musical staff with lyrics: stor-ies now, telling sto-ries past, why does it have to come and go so fast?

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25

G sus/B

A m7

G m

C7

Piano accompaniment for measures 25-26, including bass and treble clefs.