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Christopher Alexander

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About the Work

Using the chorus of the famous holiday song *I'll Be Home for Christmas*, this original brings a refreshing perspective on the Christmas season while maintaining nostalgia to the holiday music of the 1930's and 1940's. With an accompaniment for a pianist with intermediate skills, this will surely bring delights to performers and audiences alike.

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 range 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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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.

Written in celebration of the 50th anniversary of The New Generation Singers of St. Joseph, Missouri (1970-2020)

I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRIST(MAS)

SSA and Piano

Words and Music by
BYRON "BEMO" MYERS II
and CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER
Quoting "I'll Be Home for Christmas" by
KIM GANNON and WALTER KENT

Freely, molto rubato

PIANO

mp ad libitum

Bmaj7 E⁶/B

3

Bmaj7 E⁶/F# Em⁶/F#

5

Abmaj7/Eb Cb^{dim}7 Bbm⁹ Eb⁷(b⁹) Fmaj7/C

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8 SOPRANO I & II *unis. mp* **9** Tempo semplice (♩ = 72)

A - round the Christ - mas tree — shar-ing

ALTO *mp*

A - round the Christ - mas tree — shar-ing

8 *mp* *ped.* *va-7* **9** Tempo semplice (♩ = 72) *maj7*

10 *mf*

pre - sents with the peo - ple that I see - It's not e -

pre - sents with the peo - ple that I see - It's not e -

10 *G m7*

12

nough for me. Music in the air, choirs

nough for me. Music in the air, choirs

Db6 Fmaj7

mp

14

sing - ing songs but they don't seem to care - It's some-thing

sing - ing songs but they don't seem to care - It's some-thing

Gm7

mp

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16 17

more for me. But I'm not sure what I'm look - ing for. I'm

more for me. But I'm not sure what I'm look - ing for. I'm

16 17 Db6 F/C C#aug Dm

19

long - ing for the day ___ that I can't stand and say:

long - ing for the day ___ that I can't stand and say:

19 Bbmaj7 Bbm6 *ova*

21

calmly, still with support

*I'll be home for Christ - mas, you can count on

*I'll be home for Christ - mas, you can count on

21

F

C9sus

F

24

unis.

me." I re - mem - ber how — it was, a sim - ple kind — of love with a

me." I re - mem - ber how — it was, a sim - ple kind — of love with a

24

Bb(add9)

Bb

Gm7

Bbm6

F/A

Dm7

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27

man - ger, a cross, and a star u - pon — the tree.

man - ger, a cross, and a star u - pon — the tree.

Detailed description: Two vocal staves in G major, 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are 'man - ger, a cross, and a star u - pon — the tree.' The first staff has a fermata over the final note.

27

G7sus G9 Bb9 C7sus C7

Detailed description: Piano accompaniment for measures 27-30. The right hand plays chords and moving lines, including a triplet of eighth notes in measure 28. The left hand provides a bass line with a fermata in measure 30. Chord symbols are G7sus, G9, Bb9, C7sus, and C7.

29

mf

I'll be home for Christ - mas you can count on

mf

I'll be home for Christ - mas you can count on

Detailed description: Two vocal staves in G major, 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are 'I'll be home for Christ - mas you can count on'. The first staff has a fermata over the final note. Dynamics are marked *mf*.

29

F Fmaj7 C9sus C7(b5) C7 F7 F7(#5)

Detailed description: Piano accompaniment for measures 29-30. The right hand plays chords and moving lines, including a triplet of eighth notes in measure 29. The left hand provides a bass line. Chord symbols are F, Fmaj7, C9sus, C7(b5), C7, F7, and F7(#5).