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The Little Drummer Boy

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Christopher Alexander

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**NEW GENERATION
CHORAL SERIES**

Snare Drum, SATB and Piano

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About the Work

The classic holiday favorite gets a refreshing new arrangement which puts a solo drummer in the center of your performance! With a rhythmic drive in the instrumentals, the choir brings an almost-ethereal feeling to the performance. A noteworthy bit of information: both the composer and arranger hail from St. Joseph, Missouri. A unique arrangement to have in your library.

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.

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Arranged by
CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER
and BYRON "BEMO" MYERS II

Words and Music by
KATHERINE K. DAVIS

Martial (♩ = 76)

SNARE DRUM

mp

SOPRANO

ALTO

BARITONE

PIANO

mp

3

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unis. mp

Come, they told me pa rum pum pum pum.

unis. mp

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Part score for Snare Drum on page 12.
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Our new - born King to see, pa rum pum pum pum.

Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum,

to lay be - fore the King, pa rum pum pum pum — rum pum pum pum —

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11

11

rum pum pum pum. —

11

13

13

So to honor Him, pa rum pum pum pum, me and my

13

15

15

mf

drum.

mf

15

mf

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17

Musical notation for measures 17-18. The vocal line consists of eighth notes with accents. The piano accompaniment is a simple harmonic accompaniment.

Piano accompaniment for measures 17-18, featuring a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

19

Musical notation for measures 19-20. The vocal line includes lyrics: "Ba by *Je - u, rum pum pum". The piano accompaniment continues with the same harmonic pattern.

19

Musical notation for measures 19-20. The vocal line includes lyrics: "Come, they told me, pa rum pum pum pum." The piano accompaniment continues with the same harmonic pattern.

21

Musical notation for measures 21-22. The vocal line includes lyrics: "pum. I am or - too, rum pum pum". The piano accompaniment continues with the same harmonic pattern.

21

Musical notation for measures 21-22. The vocal line includes lyrics: "Our new - born King to se rum pum pum pum." The piano accompaniment continues with the same harmonic pattern.

*pronounced Yeh-zoo

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23

23

pum. I have no gift to

Our fi - nest gifts we bring, *pa rum pum pum pum,*

23

25

bring, *rum pum pum pum rum pum pum pum*

to lay be - fore the King, *pa rum pum pum pum rum pum pum pum*

25

27

rum pum pum pum.

rum pum pum pum.

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