

SSA

The Twelve Pains of Christmas

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Arranged by
Christopher Alexander

SSA, Soloists and Piano

Also available in SATB, SAB, and TTBB

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About the Work

The perennial Christmas parody song is finally available in an arrangement for your choir! This is a great opportunity to feature members of your choir as soloists, or even members of your community to do the solo parts. The holiday season needs a laugh every once in a while, and this song will be the perfect way of doing so.

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 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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TRADITIONAL MELODY

Words by BOB RIVERS

Revised Lyrics by CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

With a cheerful bounce (♩ = c. 112-116)

SSA CHORUS

mf unis.

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The

PIANO

mf play in a classical style

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first thing at Christ - mas that's such a pain to me is find - ing a Christ - mas

The Soloists should be lined at the front of the stage in numerical order

(Staging and Performance Notes on next page.)

*It is optional for a member of the chorus to play an F5 handbell here. The accompanist should play these notes on the piano if the handbell is not used.

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9 SOLOIST #1
Rig - ging up the lights.

9 SSA CHORUS
And find - ing a Christ - mas tree. The

12
third thing at Christ - mas that's such a pain to me:

14 SOLOIST #2 Eat - ing too much food. SOLOIST #1 Rig - ging up the lights.

14 SSA CHORUS
And find - ing a Christ - mas

STAGING and PERFORMANCE NOTES:

The Soloists should be lined up at the front of the stage in numerical order, waiting calmly for their turn. When each Soloist performs, step out of the line and dramatize their passage, then suddenly become calm again and return to the line - the hilarity of the song will come from this dichotomy of expressions. Only Soloist #1 should show intensifying anger throughout the song even while waiting in the line.

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17

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tree. The fourth thing at Christ - mas that's such a pain to me:

20 SOLOIST #3 SOLOIST #2

Send - ing Christ - mas cards. Eat - ing too much food.

22 SOLOIST #1

Rig - ging up the lights.

22 SSA CHORUS

And find - ing a Christ - mas tree. The

25

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thing at Christ - mas that's such a pain to me:

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27 *sub. f* SOPRANO 1 & II

FIVE MONTHS OF BILLS!

sub. f ALTO

sub. f

29 SOLOIST #3 SOLOIST #2

(spoken out of rhythm) "Sending Christmas cards." (spoken out of rhythm) "WAY too much food."

29 SSA CHORUS

mf

31 SOLOIST #1

(spoken out of rhythm) "Rigging up the lights." *mf unis.*

31 And fin - ing a Christ - mas tree. The

8va-1

34

SOLOIST #4

34

Fac - ing my in - laws.

34

sixth thing at Christ - mas that's such a pain to me:

37

sub. f SOPRANO I & II

FIVE MONTHS OF BUILT!

sub. f ALTO

37

sub. f

39

SOLOIST #3

SOLOIST #2

"Oh, I hate these Christmas cards."

"Maybe I should grab seconds."

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SS: CHORUS

39

mf

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41 SOLOIST #1

"I'm trying to rig up these lights!"

And find - ing a Christ - mas tree. The

se - venth night at Christ - mas that such a pain to me:

46 SOLOIST #5

SOLOIST #4

Sal - va - tion Ar - my. Fac - ing my in - laws.