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Have Yourself a Merry (Blessed) Little Christmas

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Christopher Alexander

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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

SAB 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 ALTO

BARITONE

PIANO

mp *fill as desired, not overpowering vocals

C F(add2) C F(add2)

5

mp

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

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

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line starting with a whole rest, followed by a melodic line. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment with chords and a bass line. The lyrics are 'From now on our troubles will be out of sight.' The chord progression is C, B, Am7, G, Dm7, G7, E7, A7, D9, G13, G7.

Detailed description: This system shows the piano accompaniment for the first system, with chords and a bass line.

11 *mp unis.*

Have your - self a me - ry lit - tle Christ - mas. Make the ho - li - day gay.

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

Detailed description: This system contains the second two staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics 'Have yourself a merry little Christmas. Make the holiday gay.' The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment with chords and a bass line. The chord progression is C, F(add2), C, F(add2), G.

Detailed description: This system shows the piano accompaniment for the second system, with chords and a bass line.

17

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

17 C /B Am7 /G Dm7 E7 A7 Gm11 C7

Detailed description: This system contains the third two staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics 'From now on our troubles will be far away.' The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment with chords and a bass line. The chord progression is C, B, Am7, G, Dm7, E7, A7, Gm11, C7.

Detailed description: This system shows the piano accompaniment for the third system, with chords and a bass line.

21 *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

mf

25

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,

29

F(add2) C F(add2) G

mp