

Two-Part

The Christmas Tree (with *O Christmas Tree*)

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Music by
Christopher Alexander

Two-Part Children's Choir and Piano

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THE MUSIC OF CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

About the Work

Bring this new musical pairing to your choirs for the winter concert! Both parts have the opportunity to perform both the new, original melody of the anonymous text as well as the famed Christmas carol. Get your audience involved in this partner-song singing alongside your singers for a heartwarming experience they will not soon forget. Enjoy!

*A merry, merry Christmas!
To crown the closing year;
Peace and good-will to mortals,
And words of holy cheer!*

*What though the dreary landscape
Be robed in drifting snow,
If on the social hearthstone
The Christmas fire may glow?*

*What though the winter evening
Blow harsh over land and sea,
If eager hands and joyful
Light up the Christmas Tree?*

*Soft falls its pleasing lustre
Upon the group around, --
On merry laughing childhood,
And age with glory crowned.*

*With eyes of rapture beaming,
Each little guest receives
Affection's token gleaming
From out the shining leaves.*

*The grand-dame greets her children,
And smiles their joy to see,
On Christmas eves of olden
Soberance was she.*

*With peace serene and beautiful
Her waning life shall shine,
And Christmas crowns the twelfth month
With light and joy divine.*

— Anonymous

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 ranging 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, Hal Leonard, and Excelcia Music Publishing.

In 2016, he was awarded the St. Joseph Allied Arts Council Mayor's Award for Artist of the Year. In 2023, 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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Words by
ANONYMOUS

Additional words by Ernst Anschütz (1780-1861)

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CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

Traditional German carol

Tempo semplice (♩ = 88) **poco rit.**

PIANO *mf*

Pedal harmonically

5 *a tempo* **PART I** *mp*

PART II *A mp*

5 *a tempo* *mp*

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24 *mf* 26

tree? O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree! How

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love - ly are your branch - es. O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree! How

32 34

love - ly are your branch - es. Now on - ly green in sum - mer's heat, But