

The Christmas Alleluias

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amazing singer and dear friend.*

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The Christmas Alleluias

1. When we wake (Advent)

Kim André Arnesen

Gently flowing $\text{♪} = 90$

Soprano solo

Harp

When we wake at night

Gently flowing $\text{♪} = 90$

du-ring this Ad - vent wait - ing there will be the

cresc.

night o - cean and your stars a - float o-ver-head,

diss.

7

mp

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4 10 rit. A tempo poco rit.

stars_ a - float o - ver - head.

p
rit. A tempo
cresc.
poco rit.

A tempo
(Solo or group) mp

14 S Solo And the tree branch flat - ter out - side,
S ah
A ah
T ah
B ah

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A tempo
mp arpeggio ad lib.

16

5

(ah)

(ah)

(ah)

(ah)

(ah)

18

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mf

com - ing to vis - it us here, a cry like a child's, the

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

creac.

mf

6 21

rit.

heart a-loud, yes, in this

(ah)

(ah)

(ah)

(ah)

p

p

p

rit.

dim.

mp

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A tempo

24 place,

S

A

T

B

(ah)

(ah)

(ah)

(ah)

A tempo

cresc.

(ah)

(ah)

(ah)

(ah)

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26 *mf* A tempo con moto

You are here with - in us, Child, as vul - ner'a - ble

mf

You are here with - in us, Child, as vul - ner'a - ble

A tempo con moto

30

as skin, re - mak - ing our lives from Your
Re - mak - ing our lives from Your
as skin, re - mak - ing our lives from Your
Re - mak - ing our lives from Your

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meno mosso

rit.

33

f

rit.

breath:
breath:
breath:
breath:
f rit. *mp* cresc. rit.

You rest-less-ly re - cre - at - ing

A tempo

36

us.
mf
In the win - - - ter

A tempo

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37

dark - - - ness fall - - ling is

10

38

mf S. 1
ah
mf A. 1
ah
You, as yet un -

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39

— ah — fil - ling this —
— ah — fil - ling this —
born in us, fil - ling this —

f Tutti
f Tutti
f
f

41

place with your
place with your
place with your
place with your

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42

poco rit. A tempo

pres - - - - ence like a slow-ly in - com-ing tide;
pres - - - - ence like a slow-ly in - com-ing tide;
pres - - - - ence like a slow-ly in - com-ing tide;
pres - - - - ence like a slow-ly in - com-ing tide;

poco rit. A tempo

(Soprano solo)

46

S. Solo: *mp*

S. A. T. B.: *ff*

Soloist: And, here, God o - ver - hears _____
 S. A. T. B.: the _____ heart, _____

Piano: *ff*

(S. 1 joins soloist)

49

mf

S. 1: gives_ the gift
 of_ tms Ad - vent from_ the be - ing

S. 2: *mp* *mf*
 Of this Ad - vent from the be - ing

mp *mf*
 Of this Ad - vent from the be - ing

mp *mf*
 Of this Ad - vent from the be - ing

mp *mf*
 Of this Ad - vent from the be - ing

mf

(With choir) *cresc.* *mf*

52 (soloist) *mp* rit. 13

of His love, for the Ho - ly Spir - it, for the Ho - ly Spir - - -

of His love, for the Ho - ly Spir - it,

of His love, for the Ho - ly Spir - it,

of His love, for the Ho - ly Spir - it,

of His love, for the Ho - ly Spir - it,

(Soprano solo) rit.

diss.

mp

56 A tempo

- it.
Tutti sopranos

Ah

Ah

Ah

Ah

A tempo

(With choir) cresc.

14

57

S

A

T

B

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58 Lento e rubato

p *mp*

Is bear-ing our spir-its a-fresh, as if, this year, our yes re-made us,

p *mp*

Is bear-ing our spir-its a-fresh, as if, this year, our yes re-made us,

p *mp*

Is bear-ing our spir-its a-fresh, as if, this year, our yes re-made us,

p *mp*

Is bear-ing our spir-its a-fresh, as if, this year, our yes re-made us,

Lento e rubato

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A musical score for piano and voice. The piano part is in the top staff, and the vocal part is in the bottom staff. The vocal line consists of repeated lyrics: "made, we were made, made, made, we were made, made, made, we were made, made, made". The piano part features chords and dynamic markings such as *p*, *mp*, *mf*, *f*, *ff*, and *rit.*. The vocal line is punctuated by dynamic changes and rests. The score is set in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

meno mosso

molto rit.

66

ut - - - ter - ly new,

meno mosso

molto rit.

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pp

new.

new.

new.

new.

new.

rit.

sim.

dist.

dist.

pp

2. What's that sound?

Carol for approaching Christmas

With wonderment $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 65$

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Harp

With wonderment $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 65$

What's that

sound? What's that sound? What's that

mp

hm

mp

s

hm

mp

hm

18

5

sound, _____ what's that sound? _____

(hum)

mp
What's that

(hum) _____

(hum) _____

(hum) _____

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(hum) _____ What's that _____

mp

sound? _____ *mp* _____ child.

sound?

mp

child.

A _____ *mp* _____ child.

A

child.

A _____ *mp* _____ child.

sound?

What's that sound?

What's that sound?

laugh - ing

all a - round

laugh - ing

all a -

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What's that sound?

What's that

us,

love's nat - u - ral

round us,

love's nat - u - ral

20

12

sound? What's that sound?
hm
mel-o-dy, love's natural
mel-o-dy, love's natural

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14

What's that sound? What's that
love's natural
hm
mel-o-dy; hm
mel-o-dy; hm

16

sound? calls us in - to
mu - sic us in - to
hm us in - to
hm us in - to

17

18

be - ing, we live
be - ing, we live
be - ing, that we live in

f *mp*

f *mp*

f *mp*

f *mp*

f *mp*

f *mp*

f *cresc.*

20

This section of the musical score consists of four staves. The top three staves are for the voice, with lyrics: "in love more", "in love more", and "love". The fourth staff is for the piano. Measure 20 starts with a piano dynamic (mf) over the first two voices. Measures 21 and 22 show the piano playing eighth-note chords over the vocal parts. Measure 23 begins with a piano dynamic (sp) followed by a crescendo (cresc.) and eighth-note chords.

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— ab - un - dant - ly:

This section continues the piano and vocal parts from the previous page. The piano part features eighth-note chords. The vocal part repeats the phrase "ab - un - dant - ly:" three times. The piano dynamics transition from mf to f, then to ff, and finally to sp. The vocal entries occur at the end of each measure. The piano part concludes with a ritardando (rit.) in measure 27.

24 A tempo, with exuberance

Hp.

26

28 rit.

30 A tempo

For we are this sing - ing; We are the voice of this song,

For we are this sing - ing; We are the voice of this song,

A tempo

24

32

For we are this sing - ing;
 For, for we, we are this sing - ing;
 For, for we, we are this sing - ing;
 For, for we, we are this sing - ing;

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33

We are the voice of this song,
 We, we are the voice of this
 We, we are the voice of this
 We, we are the voice of this

34

Our old saint clutch - es his scarred side and
 song, saint, his scarred side and
 song, saint, his scarred side and
 song, saint, his scarred side and

35

laughs, he who
 laughs, *mf* he who
 laughs, *mf* he who
 laughs, he who
 laughs,

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dim. *mf*

26

36 rit.

Poco meno mosso, with wonderment

felt the pain
of God's spir-it born a-new in
felt the pain
of God's spir-it born a-new in
felt the pain
of God's spir-it born a-new in

rit.

Poco meno mosso, with wonderment

him, our God mak - ing the
him, our God mak - ing the
him, our God mak - ing the
Him, our God mak - ing the

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38

him, our God mak - ing the
him, our God mak - ing the
him, our God mak - ing the
Him, our God mak - ing the

hu - - man roy - al,

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of God's spir - it born a - new in

of God's spir - it born a - new in

of God's spir - it born a - new in

41

him, our God mak-ing the

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42

mf *rit.* *mp*

hu - man roy - al: For

hu - man roy - al:

hu - man roy - al:

hu - man roy - al:

mf *dim.* *rit.* *mp*

44 Poco meno mosso

29

we We... are
are this sing- ing: of this
the voice of this

Poco meno mosso

mp

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46

What's that
song.

song.

Lento, with splendor ($\text{♩} = \text{c. } 60$)

47

sound? What's that
God's great voice calls us king - ly
God's great voice calls us king - ly
God's great voice calls us king - ly

Lento, with splendor ($\text{♩} = \text{c. } 60$)

cresc.

mp

dim.

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49

sound?

mp

draws us to fire's warmth,

mp

draws us to fire's warmth,

mp

draws us to fire's warmth,

cresc.

mp

51

warmth and light, warmth and light, awed in - to
warmth and light, warmth and light, awed in - to
warmth and light, warmth and light, awed in - to

dim.

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54

si - lent love, to this
si - lent love, to this
si - lent love, to this
si - lent love, to this

mf

mf

mf

cresc.

56

sight, to this
sight, to this
sight, to this
sight, to this

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58

sight God
sight God
sight ff
sight ff
sight ff
sight ff ff

59

not ma - jes - tic
God

33

61 rit.

a lit - tle child:
but a lit - tle child:
but a lit - tle child:
For

12/8

rit.

p

mp

12/8

12/8

Tempo I

63

mp

are this sing - ing:

we we

Tempo I

mp cresc.

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64

the voice of this

are

mp cresc.

65

What's that
song.

rit.

35

What's that

cresc.

66 A tempo

For Perusal Only

sound?

What's that

What's that sound? What's that

Christ a lit tle child

frag-ile as a whis per,

A tempo

Christ a lit tle child

frag-ile as a whis per,

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A musical score for piano and voice. The piano part consists of two staves: treble and bass. The vocal part is in soprano clef. The music is in common time, key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The vocal line begins with eighth-note patterns, followed by lyrics "to our waiting, rest - less hearts," repeated twice. The piano accompaniment includes eighth-note chords and sustained notes. Measure 70 ends with a dynamic *mf*. The vocal line continues with "What's that sound?" followed by three repetitions of the question with different dynamics: *mp*, *mf*, and *mf*.

72

mf

till we see him in each oth - er,

till we see him in each oth - er,

sound?

sound?

mf

74

mp *rit.*

For Perusal Only

blaz - ing:

mp

blaz - ing:

mp

blaz - ing, _____ blaz - ing:

mp

blaz - ing, _____ blaz - ing:

mp

blaz - ing, _____ blaz - ing:

rit.

Lento ($\text{♩} = \text{c. } 56$)

76

mp

For we, we are the

Lento ($\text{♩} = \text{c. } 56$)

mp

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78

We are the

We are the

We are the

sing - ing:

We are the

We are the

P

cresc.

80 rit. *p* rit.

voice of this song.

voice of this song.

voice of this song.

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voice of this song.

rit. *p* dim. rit. *pp*

3. This is our God

Cradle song for the Christ Child

Warm and heartfelt ♩ = 60

Solo Soprano *p*

This is our God, this ti - ny, ho - ly Child,____ This is our

Harp *p*

(Soprano solo)

3

God, who lights all hu-man life. The love of God burns bright - ly through the

cresc.

6

dark - ness, the heart of God,____ so frag - ile,

8 rit. A tempo

Solo S

hum - ble, true.

41

S Be still, our world! Be -

A pp oo

T pp oo

B pp oo

rit. (Choir) A tempo

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12 fore Him now be si - lent:

42

14

Gaze and be - lieve, for _____
Ah.

Ah.

Ah.

cresc. f f f pim.

16

this is _____ Je - - - sus
(ah) _____

(ah)

(ah)

cresc.

poco rit.

A tempo

43

18

Christ.
(oo)

(oo)

poco rit.

A tempo

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21

rit.

-

-

-

dim.

rit.

44

23

A tempo

S1

mp

This is our God, in His liv-ing, so per-fect in His

S2

mp

This is our God, so love-ly in His liv-ing, This is our God, so per-fect in His

A

T

B

(Choir) **A tempo**

peace.

27

mf

So fierce His love, in His giv-ing:

peace. So fierce His love, so to-tal in His giv-ing: So deep a

mf

So fierce His love, so to-tal in His giv-ing: So deep a

mp **mf**

So fierce His love, so to-tal in His giv-ing: So deep a

mp **mf**

So fierce His love, so to-tal in His giv-ing: So deep a

mf

OSCU. OSCU.

poco rit.

a tempo

poco rit.

45

S 30

love re-news a worn belief, re-

A

love re-news a worn belief, re-

T

love re-news a worn belief, re-

B

love re-news a worn belief, re-

poco rit. a tempo poco rit.

arpeggio ad lib. f

32 a tempo poco rit.

news a worn be - lief. Be

cresc. f

46 A tempo

ff

still, our world! Be - fore Him now be

ff

still, our world! Be - fore Him,

ff

Be still, our world! Now be

ff

still, our world! Now be

A tempo

p

ff

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36

mp

si - lent, now be si - lent: Gaze and be -

mp

now be si - lent, be si - - lent: Gaze and be -

mp

si - - - lent, now be sil - - ent: And be -

mp

si - - - lent, now be si - - - lent: And be -

mp

38

lieve, for this is Je - sus Christ.

lieve, for this is Je - sus Christ.

lieve, for this is Je - sus Christ. A hope re -

lieve, for this is Je - sus Christ.

47

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41 **con moto** **mp**

A hope for the first time,

- - - - - **mf**

A gift as

newed, as if it's for the first time,

con moto

43

Our spir - its
fresh as if on that first day;
A gift as fresh, as if on that first day;

45

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spar - kle as we dance with new life, God reaches
Our spir - its spar - kle with new life, God reaches
Our spir - its spar - kle with new life, God reaches
Our spir - its spar - kle with new life, God reaches

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poco rit.

rit.

51 A tempo

still, our world! Be - fore Him now be si - lent;

now be si - lent

now be si - lent;

now be si - lent;

A tempo

55

mp

For this is _____

Gaze and be - lieve, for this is Je - - - -

Gaze and be - lieve, for this is

Gaze and be - lieve for this is

mp

mp

58

rit.

Je - - sus Christ. *mf*

sus

mf

Je - - sus Christ. *mf*

Je - - sus Christ.

mf

rit.

Meno mosso e rit.

*p**mf*

60 // Je - sus, Je - sus Christ.

Christ. Je - sus, Je - sus Christ.

Je - sus, Je - sus Christ.

Je - sus, Je - sus Christ.

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II Meno mosso e rit.

p

relaxed

4. Christmas Interlude

Nostalgically $\text{♩} = 90$

Harp { *mp*

rit. **A tempo**

mf

10

13

f

molto rit.

mp

17 A tempo

p cresc.

18

cresc.

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19

cresc.

20

cresc.

54

With exuberance

22

25

28

31

34

37

55

39

Gently, meno mosso

40

42

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43

46

rit.

Lento, with wonderment

47

50

$\text{♩} = 50$

pincé

51

56

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 42$

tr

61

tr

64

mf

molto rit.

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Grandly $\text{♩} = 80$

rit.

72

f

mp

rit.

Affectionately, tempo rubato $\text{♩} = 40$

76

p 7 7 7 7 cresc. 7 7 7

77

7 7 7 7 dim. 7 7 7

78

mp 7 7 7 cresc. 7 7 7

79

7 7 7 dim. 7 7 7

80

mf 7 7 7 cresc. 7 7 7

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The image shows three staves of piano sheet music. The top staff begins at measure 83, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and common time. It consists of six measures of eighth-note patterns in the treble and bass staves, followed by a dynamic instruction "ff" and a forte dynamic. The middle staff begins at measure 85, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and common time. It consists of four measures of eighth-note chords in the treble and bass staves, with a dynamic instruction "3" under the bass notes. The bottom staff begins at measure 89, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and common time. It consists of four measures of eighth-note chords in the treble and bass staves, with a dynamic instruction "3" under the bass notes and a "rit." (ritardando) instruction.

Hypnotically, A tempo rubato

92

mf

cresc.

93

dim.

94

cresc.

95

dim.

96

cresc.

60

97

98

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100

102 = c. 40

accel.... rit.

accel.... rit.

Moderato, gently $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 75$

rit.

105

108 A tempo rit. A tempo rit.

111 Sforzando

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molto accel.

112 (8)

p cresc.

113 (8)

cresc.

114 (8)

ff loco

5. Beauty

Christmas Invocation

Affectionately and radiant ♩ = 96

Harp

mp

rit. A tempo

S1

S2

A

Beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty,

Beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty,

rit. A tempo
(Choir)

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poco rit. *A tempo*
mp

Oh Son of God!
beau - ty,
beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty,

poco rit. *A tempo*

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22

Laid in a cra - dle and born
beau - ty,
beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty,

poco rit.

A tempo

63

28

for us all!

beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty,

beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty,

poco rit.

A tempo

32

rit.

A tempo

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beau - - ty!

beau - - ty! Beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty,

rit.

A tempo

A tempo

64

36

S

A

T beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty,

B Beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty,

poco rit.

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41 *mf A tempo*

Sav - - - - - iour our God! _____

beau - ty, beau - ty,

beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty,

mf *A tempo*

47

Laid in a man - ger and liv - ing
beau - ty,
beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty,

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poco rit. A tempo rit.

52

as king!
beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty!
beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty!

poco rit. A tempo rit.

66 poco meno mosso

57 *p*

Beau - ty, beau - ty, peace of the world, peace of the world,

Beau - ty, beau - ty, peace of the world, peace of the world,

Beau - ty, beau - ty, peace of the world, peace of the world,

Beau - ty, beau - ty, peace of the world, peace of the world,

poco meno mosso

p

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63 *poco rit.* *A tempo* *mp*

peace of the world! Beau - ty, beau - ty, Mar - y's arms,

peace of the world! Beau - ty, Beau - ty, in Mar - y's arms,

peace of the world!

peace of the world!

poco rit. *A tempo*

rit.

67

69

Mar - y's arms. and gen - tle as peace!

in Mar - y's arms and gen - tle as peace!

rit.

Tempo I
mf

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S1 Fire,

S2 Beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty,

A Beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty,

T Beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty,

B Beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty,

Tempo I
mf

68

fire and light!

beau - ty, Beau - ty, beau - ty,
beau - ty, beau - ty, beau - ty,
beau - ty, Beau - ty, beau - ty,
beau - ty, Beau - ty, beau - ty,

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God is a - mong us,
beau - ty, beau - ty,
beau - ty, beau - ty,
beau - ty, beau - ty,
beau - ty, beau - ty,

82

rit.

69

God is a - mong us,

rit.

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85 A tempo

S al - - - - - le - - - - lu - - - - -

A al - - - - - le - - - - -

T al - - - - - le - - - - -

B al - - - - - le - - - - -

A tempo

f al - - - - - le - - - - -

86

- ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

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al - le - lu - ia, al -
al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia,

molto rit.

71

A tempo

Musical score for piano and voice. The vocal part consists of three staves of lyrics: "al - le - lu - ia!" The piano accompaniment features sustained notes and chords. Measure 91 ends with a fermata over the piano part. Measure 92 begins with a dynamic change to *molto rit.*

A tempo

Continuation of the musical score. The vocal part continues with "al - le - lu - ia!". The piano accompaniment consists of eighth-note patterns. The dynamic changes to *molto rit.* at the end of the measure.

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A tempo

Continuation of the musical score. The vocal part continues with "al - le - lu - ia!". The piano accompaniment consists of eighth-note patterns. The dynamic changes to *ff* (fortissimo) at the beginning of each line.

A tempo

Continuation of the musical score. The vocal part continues with "al - le - lu - ia!". The piano accompaniment consists of eighth-note patterns. The dynamic changes to *ff* (fortissimo) at the beginning of each line.

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A musical score for piano and voice. The score consists of five systems of music. The top system shows piano chords and a vocal line. The second system begins with a piano dynamic *p*. The lyrics "-ty, Hm" are written below the vocal line. The third system also begins with a piano dynamic *p* and features the same lyrics. The fourth system begins with a piano dynamic *p*, followed by a vocal line. The fifth system shows piano chords and a vocal line.

molto rit.

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