

for John Hancorn and the Baroque Collective Singers
Christmas hath darkness

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$\text{♩} = 108$

mp *mf* *p*

Soprano
 Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas hath

Alto
 Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas hath

Tenor
 Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark

Bass
 Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark

Soprano
 - - - - -

Alto
 - - - - -

Tenor
 - - - - -

Bass
 - - - - -

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mf *f* *p*

S.
 dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than the

A.
 dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than the

T.
 ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than the brigh-ter

B.
 ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than the brigh-ter

mp *mf* *mp*

S.
 Christ - mas hath beau - - ty Christ - mas

A.
 Christ - mas hath beau - - ty Christ - mas

T.
 Christ - mas hath beau - - ty Christ - mas

B.
 Christ - mas hath beau - - ty Christ - mas

12

S. *mf* brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than the brigh-ter *f* brigh-ter than the bla-zing noon bla-zing noon *ff* *f* *p*

A. *mf* brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than the brigh-ter *f* brigh-ter than the bla-zing noon, bla-zing noon *ff* *f* *p*

T. *p* than the brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than *mf* brigh-ter than the bla-zing noon, bla-zing noon *f* *ff* *f* *p*

B. *p* than the brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than *mf* brigh-ter than the bla-zing noon, bla-zing noon *f* *ff* *f* *p*

S. *f* hath beau - - ty *mp mf* brigh - ter, brigh - ter than the bla - zing noon, *f* *ff* *p*

A. *f* hath beau - - ty *mp mf* brigh - ter, brigh - ter than the bla - zing noon, *f* *ff* *p*

T. *f* hath beau - - ty *mp mf* brigh - ter, brigh - ter than the bla - zing noon, *f* *ff* *p*

B. *f* hath beau - - ty *mp mf* brigh - ter, brigh - ter than the bla - zing noon, *f* *ff* *p*

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S. *pp* Christ-mas hath a chill - ness war - mer than the heat *f*

A. *pp* Christ-mas hath a chill - ness war - mer than the heat *f*

T. *pp* Christ-mas hath a chill - ness war - mer than the heat *f*

B. *pp* Christ-mas hath a chill - ness war - mer than the heat *f*

S. *pp* Christ-mas hath a chill-ness, *p* Christ-mas hath a chill-ness, *mf* Christ-mas hath a chill-ness *p* Christ-mas hath a

A. *pp* Christ-mas hath a chill-ness, *p* Christ-mas hath a chill-ness, *mf* Christ-mas hath a chill-ness *p* Christ-mas hath a

T. *pp* Christ-mas hath a chill-ness, *p* Christ-mas hath a chill-ness, *mf* Christ-mas hath a chill-ness *p* Christ-mas

B. *pp* Christ-mas hath a chill-ness, *p* Christ-mas hath a chill-ness, *mf* Christ-mas hath a chill-ness *p* Christ-mas

26

S. *p* of June, the heat of June, *f* Christ-mas *mp* hath *mf* a

A. *p* of June, the heat of June, *f* Christ-mas *mp* hath *mf* a

T. *p* of June, the heat of June, *f* Christ-mas *mp* hath *mf* a

B. *p* of June, the heat of June, *f* Christ-mas *mp* hath *mf* a

S. chill-ness, Christ-mas hath a chill-ness, Christ-mas hath a chill-ness, Christ-mas hath a chill-ness, Christ-mas

A. chill-ness, Christ-mas hath a chill-ness, Christ-mas hath a chill-ness, Christ-mas hath a chill-ness, Christ-mas

T. *p* hath a chill-ness, Christ-mas hath a chill-ness, Christ-mas hath a chill-ness, Christ-mas hath a chill-ness, Christ-mas

B. *p* hath a chill-ness, Christ-mas hath a chill-ness, Christ-mas hath a chill-ness, Christ-mas hath a chill-ness, Christ-mas

32

S. *f* chill - ness *p* Christ - mas *f* hath a

A. *f* chill - ness *p* Christ - mas *f* hath a

T. *f* chill - ness *p* Christ - mas *f* hath a

B. *f* chill - ness *p* Christ - mas *f* hath a

S. hath a chill-ness, Christ-mas hath a chill-ness war-mer than the heat of June. Christ-mas hath, Christ-mas hath a beau

A. hath a chill-ness, Christ-mas hath a chill-ness war-mer than the heat of June. Christ-mas hath, Christ-mas hath a beau

T. *p* Christ-mas hath Christ-mas hath a chill-ness war-mer than the heat of June. Christ-mas hath, Christ-mas hath a beau

B. *p* Christ-mas hath Christ-mas hath a chill-ness war-mer than the heat of June. Christ-mas hath, Christ-mas hath a beau

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S. beau - ty, Christ-mas hath a beau - ty, Christ - mas hath a

A. beau - ty, Christ-mas hath a beau - ty, Christ - mas hath a

T. beau - ty, Christ-mas hath a beau - ty, Christ - mas hath a

B. beau - ty, Christ-mas hath a beau - ty, Christ - mas hath a

S. ty, a beau-ty, love-li-er, love-li-er, than the world, the world can, world canshow, Christ-mas hath, Christ-mas hath,

A. ty, a beau-ty, love-li-er, love-li-er, than the world, the world can, world canshow, Christ-mas hath, Christ-mas hath,

T. ty, a beau-ty, love-li-er, love-li-er, than the world, the world can, world canshow, Christ-mas hath, Christ-mas hath,

B. ty, a beau-ty, love-li-er, love-li-er, than the world, the world can, world canshow, Christ-mas hath, Christ-mas hath,

45

S. beau - - - - ty, love - li - er than the world can show.

A. beau - - - - ty, love - li - er than the world can show.

T. beau - - - - ty, love - li - er than the world can show.

B. beau - - - - ty, love - li - er than the world can show.

S. a beau-ty, a beau-ty, love - li-er, love-li - er, than the world the world can, world can show, Christ-mas hath, Christ

A. a beau-ty, a beau-ty, love - li-er, love-li - er, than the world the world can, world can show, Christ-mas hath, Christ

T. a beau-ty, a beau-ty, love - li-er, love-li - er, than the world the world can, world can show, Christ-mas hath, Christ

B. a beau-ty, a beau-ty, love - li-er, love-li - er, than the world the world can, world can show, Christ-mas hath, Christ

52

S. *f* *p* *ff* *p*
 For Christ-mas bring-eth Je - sus, brought for us so low. —

A. *f* *p* *ff* *p*
 For Christ-mas bring-eth Je - sus, brought for us so low. —

T. *f* *p* *ff* *p*
 For Christ-mas bring-eth Je - sus, brought for us so low. —

B. *f* *p* *ff* *p*
 For Christ-mas bring-eth Je - sus, brought for us so low. —

S. *mp*
 mas hath, a beau - ty, a beau-ty, For Christ-mas bring-eth Je - sus

A. *mp*
 mas hath, a beau - ty, a beau-ty, For Christ-mas bring-eth Je - sus

T. *mp*
 mas hath, a beau - ty, a beau-ty, For Christ-mas bring-eth Je - sus

B. *mp*
 mas hath, a beau - ty, a beau-ty, For Christ-mas bring-eth Je - sus

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S. *pp* *mp* *p*
 mm — Earth, strike up your mu -

A. *pp* *mp* *p*
 mm — Earth, strike up your mu -

T. *pp* *mp* *p*
 mm — Earth, strike up your mu -

B. *pp* *mp* *p*
 mm — Earth, strike up your mu -

S. *f* *p*
 brought for us so low. — Je - sus, brought for us so low, brought for us so low. — Earth, strike up your mu -

A. *f* *p*
 brought for us so low. — Je - sus, brought for us so low, brought for us so low. — Earth, strike up your mu -

T. *f* *p*
 brought for us so low. — Je - sus, brought for us so low, brought for us so low. — Earth, strike up your mu -

B. *f* *p*
 brought for us so low. — Je - sus, brought for us so low, brought for us so low. — Earth, strike up your mu -

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S. *mp*
- sic, Hea - ven hath ans-wer-ing mu - sic For all An - gels soon to sing:

A. *mp*
- sic, Hea - ven hath ans-wer-ing mu - sic For all An - gels soon to sing:

T. *mp*
- sic, Hea - ven hath ans-wer-ing mu - sic For all An - gels soon to sing:

B. *mp*
- sic, Hea - ven hath ans-wer-ing mus - sic For all An - gels soon to sing:

S. *p*
- - sic, Bells that ring, Hea - ven hath ans - wer - ing mu - sic for An - gels

A. *p*
- - sic, Bells that ring, Hea - ven hath ans - wer - ing mu - sic for An - gels

T. *p*
- - sic, Bells that ring, Hea - ven hath ans - wer - ing mu - sic for An - gels

B. *p*
- - sic, Bells that ring, Hea - ven hath ans - wer - ing mu - sic for An - gels

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S. *ff* *fff* *f*
Sing, Sing, Sing, Sing, Sing, Sing:

A. *ff* *fff* *f*
Sing, Sing, Sing, Sing, Sing, Sing:

T. *ff* *fff* *f*
Sing, Sing, Sing, Sing, Sing, Sing:

B. *ff* *fff* *f*
Sing, Sing, Sing, Sing, Sing, Sing:

S. *ff* *f* *mp*
- to sing. Put on your whit - est Bri - dal robe of spot-less snow. Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas

A. *ff* *f* *mp*
- to sing. Put on your whit - est Bri - dal robe of spot-less snow. Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas

T. *ff* *f* *mp*
- to sing. Put on your whit - est Bri - dal robe of spot-less snow. Christ-mas hath

B. *ff* *f* *mp*
- to sing. Put on your whit - est Bri - dal robe of spot-less snow. Christ-mas hath

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S. *pp* *mp*
Christ - mas

A. *pp* *mp*
Christ - mas

T. *pp* *mp*
Christ - mas

B. *pp* *mp*
Christ - mas

S. *mf* *p*
hath dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness

A. *mf* *p*
hath dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness

T. *mf* *p*
dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas

B. *mf* *p*
dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas hath dark-ness Christ-mas

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S. *mf* *mp* *f*
hath beau - - ty Christ - mas hath beau - - ty

A. *mf* *mp* *f*
hath beau - - ty Christ - mas hath beau - - ty

T. *mf* *mp* *f*
hath beau - - ty Christ - mas hath beau - - ty

B. *mf* *mp* *f*
hath beau - - ty Christ - mas hath beau - - ty

S. *mf* *f* *p* *mf*
brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than the brigh-ter

A. *mf* *f* *p* *mf*
brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than the brigh-ter

T. *mf* *f* *p* *mf*
hath dark-ness brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than

B. *mf* *f* *p* *mf*
hath dark-ness brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than the brigh-ter than

111

f ————— *ff*

S. For Christ - mas bring - eth Je - sus Brought for

A. Christ - mas brings mu - - sic Brought for us so low. *mp*

T. Christ - mas bring mu - - sic

B. For Christ - mas bring - eth Je - sus

S. *f* Christ - mas brings Je - - sus, Brought for us so low. *p* Brought *f*

A. *f* Christ - mas bring Je - - sus, Brought for *mp*

T. —————

B. For Christ - mas bring - eth Je - sus,



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S. *p* us so low. *pp*

A. *f* For us so low. *pp*

T. *mp* Brought for us so low. *f* For us so low. *pp*

B. *mp* Brought for us so low. *f* *pp*

S. *p* for us so low. *f* *pp*

A. *f* us so low, *mp* for us so low. *mf* *pp*

T. *p* for us so low, *f* for us so low. *pp*

B. *mf* Brought for us so low. *pp*