

THREE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

SECOND SET

O LITTLE CHRIST SWEET

Christmas Carol for Mixed Voices (S. A. T. B.)

Translation by
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Harmonised by
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Andante

Soprano
Alto

1. O lit-tle Christ sweet, O lit-tle Christ mild, We bend be-fore Thy
2. O lit-tle Christ sweet, O lit-tle Christ mild, *more* Rich feast in Thee the
3. O lit-tle Christ sweet, O lit-tle Christ mild, *more*. In Thee is Heav'n's high
4. O lit-tle Christ sweet, O lit-tle Christ mild, *p* We bend be-fore Thy

Tenor
Bass

man - ger throne. *p* The in - fant form now low - ly lies, Tho' Thou didst
world doth own; The feast of love and joy is ours; We find in
pur - pose shown. The flame of faith must in us burn, That love to
man - ger throne. Life, hope, and all we have to bring, We of - fer

dim.

make the star - ry skies,
Thee all heal - ing powrs,
Thee we may re - turn;
hum - bly as we sing, } *pp* O lit - tle Christ sweet, O lit - tle Christ mild.
pp (last time molto rall. e *pp*)

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O, GAY IS THE DAY WE SING

(VIVEN UROUS E COUNTÈN)

Christmas Carol for Mixed Voices (S.A.T.B.)

Provençal words
paraphrased approximately by
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Provençal traditional Carol
arranged and harmonised by
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Fast and gay

Soprano
Alto

1. O, gay is the Day we sing, * Ma - ri - a, O,
2. O, gay is the Day we sing, Ma - ri - a, O,
3. O, gay is the Day we sing, Ma - ri - a, O,

Tenor
Bass

gay is the Day we sing, Ho - ly and joy - ous our
gay is the Day we sing, In the be - gin - ning in
gay is the Day we sing, Ho - ly and joy - ous our

mf

sing - ing; Good news thro' the dark world rings. }
E - den Our par - ents did sin full - sore. } O, gay is the
sing - ing; Good news thro' the dark world rings. }

* Pronounce "Mar-ee-a"

Day we sing, Ma - ri - a, O gay is the Day we

sing. { Now blest and hap - py is Ad - - am, Now
Now blest and hap - py is Ad - - am, Now
All we are hap - py Ad - - am, And

glad is poor Eve this Day! } O, gay is the Day we -
glad is poor Eve this Day! }
glad as poor Eve this Day! }

sing, Ma - ri - a, O, gay is the Day we - sing!

THE CAROL OF THE GOOD THIEF

Christmas Carol for Mixed Voices (S. A. T. B.)

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Dutch Folk Carol
"De Boodschap van Maria"
Harmonized by
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Moderato
mp

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

mp 1. There knelt with the shepherds on Christ-mas night, Be-fore the low-ly
mp 2. He knelt in the Tem-ple in lat-er days, when Je-sus with His
mp 3. He knelt with the peo-ple who hun-ger'd sore, five thou-sand, worn and
p 4. He hung as a thief on yon-der bil-l, He hung be-side the

man-ger, A shep-herd boy who knew full right A-King was this lit-tle
learn-ing Put doc-tors and all in a vast a-maze. Once more he had great
wea-ry; The few loaves and fish the serv-ers bore Fed all in that des-ert
Mas-ter; He look'd at God and knew Him still: His love be-came a-

mf cresc.

Strang-er. And, in the shep-herd's prais-ing, This pray'r was he a-rais-ing;
yearn-ing, And, as he was kneel-ing, Him-self yet un-re-veal-ing;
drea-ry; And look-ing on in won-der, He pray'd as he did pon-der;
vast-er; How long-er look'd he dumb-ly, For, pen-i-tent, cried he hum-bly;

mf cresc. *p* When

rall. *p*
O Lord, re-mem-ber me!

Heav'n Thou reign-est free, O Lord, re-mem-ber me!

rall. *p*
In Thy Heav'n