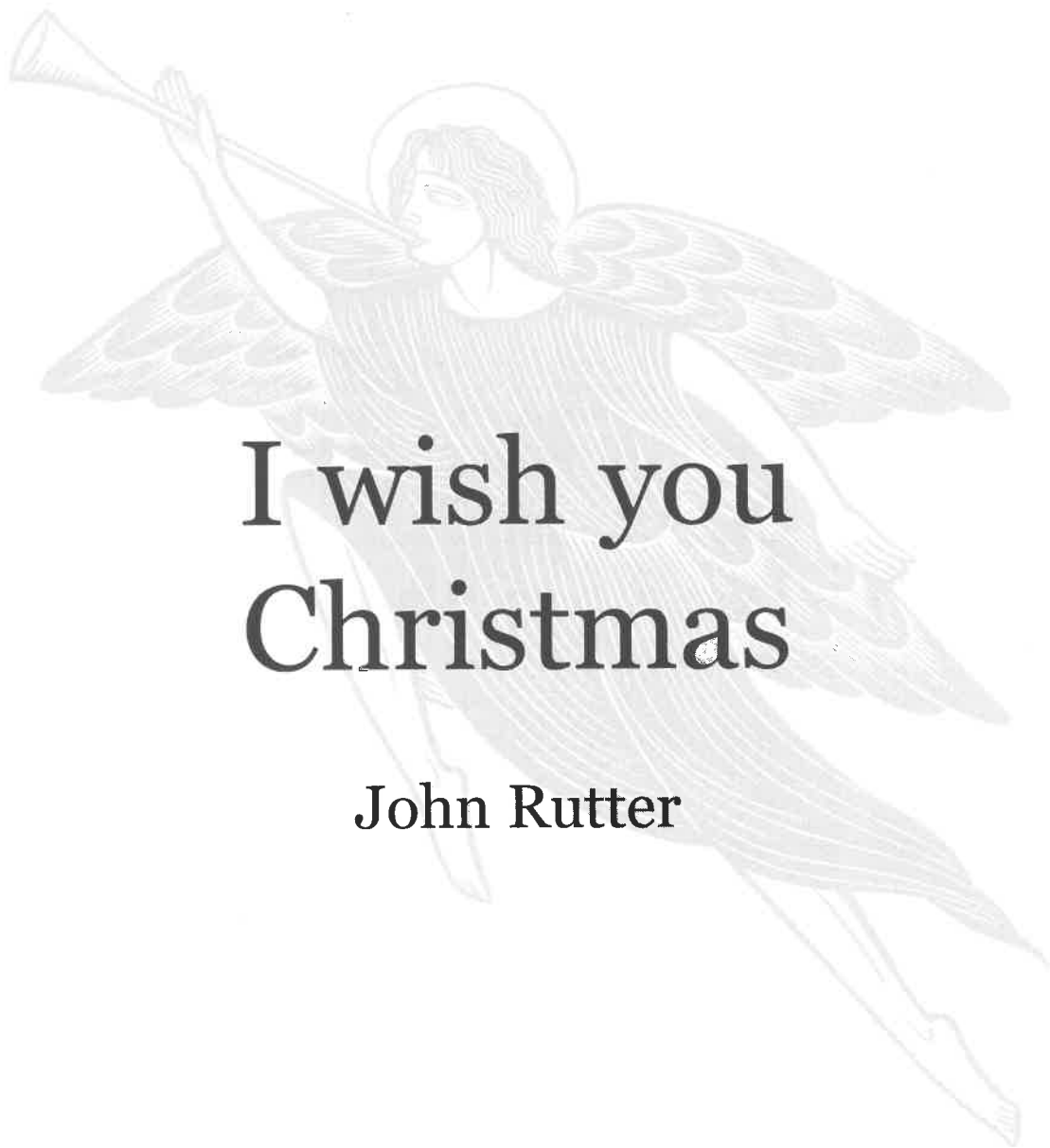


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I wish you Christmas

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Andante espressivo ♩ = 80

PIANO

p e dolce

mp

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand features a melodic line with a slur over the first four measures and a crescendo leading to a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic in the final measure. The left hand provides a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth-note patterns.

5

SOPRANOS *p e dolce*

I wish you star - light _____ on fields of

p *pp* *p*

Ed. *

Measures 5-7 show the soprano vocal line and piano accompaniment. The soprano part begins with a rest in measure 5, followed by the lyrics 'I wish you star - light' in measure 6 and 'on fields of' in measure 7. The piano accompaniment includes dynamics *p*, *pp*, and *p*. There is a correction mark *Ed.* and an asterisk *** under the piano part in measure 6.

8 (Sops. only)

snow, The win - ter's morn - ing light _____ and eve - ning's glow; I wish you

Measures 8-10 continue the vocal and piano parts. The soprano part has the lyrics 'snow,' in measure 8, 'The win - ter's morn - ing light' in measure 9, and 'and eve - ning's glow; I wish you' in measure 10. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines.

A can-dles that shine from ev - 'ry tree, So all the world can see The light that there could *dim.*

11 *mp*
S
A *p*
Hum
T
B *p*

14 *p* *mp warm*
be. *mp warm*
(A.T.B. hum) I wish you mu - sic, I wish you song, With voi - ces

17 *cresc.* *mf cresc.* *f*
ech - o - ing, joy - ous and strong; I wish you church bells, ring - ing true and

cresc. *mf cresc.* *f*

cresc. *mf cresc.* *f*

20 *mp* // **B**

clear; I wish you Christ-mas, a mer-ry Christ-mas, *mp* A mer-ry
T. B. Hum

mp *mp*

23

Christ-mas to re - mem - ber all the year.

mp

27 **C** *Poco più mosso* ♩ = 96

unis.
mp cantabile

Old friends smil - ing, think - ing of times gone by;

C *Poco più mosso* ♩ = 96

31 *mp cresc.* *mf* 3

Young friends laugh - ing: Christ - mas is here,

34 *mp* *rall.* *mf*

Spi - rits are bright, and hopes are high. I wish you

mf 3 *mp* *rall.* *mf*

dim. *mp* *mf*

37 **D** Tempo I ♩ = 80

loved ones. — a - round your fire; — May Christ - mas bring you all — your heart's de -

D Tempo I ♩ = 80

I wish you chil-dren to make the sea-son new, With dreams you help come

40

poco più dolce

- sire.

Musical score for measures 40-42. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "I wish you chil-dren to make the sea-son new, With dreams you help come". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more active bass line. The tempo is marked *poco più dolce*.

pochiss. rit.

E a tempo

43

true, Just like it was for you.

unis. mp

Musical score for measures 43-44. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "true, Just like it was for you.". The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern. The tempo is marked *pochiss. rit.* and **E** a tempo. The bass line has a *unis. mp* marking.

pochiss. rit.

E a tempo

I wish you bless - ings, I wish you

Musical score for measures 45-46. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "I wish you bless - ings, I wish you". The piano accompaniment features a *p* marking in the first measure and a *mp* marking in the second measure. The tempo is marked *pochiss. rit.* and **E** a tempo.

46

mf

I wish you

cresc.

mf

love,

The sound of an-gel choirs from high a - bove;

Musical score for measures 47-49. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "love, The sound of an-gel choirs from high a - bove;". The piano accompaniment features a *cresc.* marking in the first measure and a *mf cresc.* marking in the second measure. The bass line continues with a steady eighth-note pattern.

49 *f* laugh-ter, hap - pi - ness and cheer: *mf* I wish you Christ - mas, a mer - ry

f *mf*

52 *mp legato* Christ - mas, And may its joy and peace be with you through the

mp legato *p*

55 **F** Poco più mosso ♩ = 96 year.

F Poco più mosso ♩ = 96 *mp delicato*

mp delicato

59

cresc. *mf*

63

mf **G**

I wish you mu - sic, — I wish you

mf

p *mf* *cantabile* **G**

67

song; I wish you har - mo - ny — your whole life long; — The warmth of

Red. *

70 H
 I wish you Christ-mas, — a mer-ry
 me-mo - ries — that long re - main: —

73
 Christ-mas, — *p dolce e legato* rit.
 And may God bless you till we all shall meet a -

76 *a tempo* *rall. al fine*
pp
 - gain.

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