

Variations on the Sussex Carol

For Elmer Iseler

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♩ = 66 (rubato)

Solo Soprano

Soprano *pp*
Christ - mas night Christ - mas

Alto *pp*
Christ - mas night Christ - mas

Tenor *pp*
Christ - mas night Christ - mas

Bass *pp*
Christ - mas night Christ - mas

Manual *strings* *p*
"silvery sound" *lively* *mf* 3 3 3

Pedal

The musical score is arranged in a system with six staves. The vocal parts (Solo Soprano, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) are in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The piano accompaniment consists of a Manual part in treble clef and a Pedal part in bass clef. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 66 (rubato). The vocal parts enter in the second measure with the lyrics 'Christ - mas night' and 'Christ - mas'. The piano accompaniment features a 'silvery sound' in the strings, marked *p*, and a 'lively' section in the manual part marked *mf* with triplets. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, notes, slurs, and dynamic markings.

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On Christ - mas night all
 night All Chris - tians Sing
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Christians sing to hear the news the an - gels bring
 Sing an - gels bring news of great joy news of great mirth news of our
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Brisk ♩ = 138

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S mer - ci - ful _ King's birth _____ Glo - ry be ___ to God

A mer - ci - ful _ King's birth _____ Glo - ry be ___ to God

T mer - ci - ful King's birth _____

B mer - ci - ful _ King's birth _____ On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians

strings

lively

(pull back)

mf

8' 4' 2' 1'

Brisk ♩ = 138

19/23

peace on earth _____ now and for - e - - - ver more a - - - men

peace on earth _____ now and for - e - - - ver more a - - - men

2nd time only *f*

On

sing _____ to hear the news the an - gels bring a - - - men

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now and for - e - - - ver more A - men on Christ - - - - mas

now and for - e - - - ver more A - men on Christ - - - - mas

an - - - - - gels bring Glo - - ry - - - to God

to hear the news the An-gels bring A - men On Christ-mas night all An-gels

mf

mp

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night all An - - - - - gels sing to

night all An - - - - - gels sing to

peace on earth - - - now and for - e - - - ver more A - - - - men

sing to hear the news the An - gels bring A - - - - men

mf

mp

(less)

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hear the news the An - - - gels bring

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Glo - - - ry to God peace to men now and for - e - - - ver more

On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the An-gels bring

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A - - - men A - - - men A - - - men

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A - - - men A - men A - - - - men A - men A - - - - men

46 *ritarding* **Slow** **Slow and wistful**
mf *mf* *p* *p*

A - - - - - men Then why should men on
 A - - - - - men Then why should men then why should men on
 A - - - - - men Then why
 A - men A - - - - - men Then why

52 *rit.* **a tempo** **Faster (a bit) and louder**
f *f* *f* *f*

earth be so sad since our re - deem - er made us glad then why should
 earth be so sad since our re - deem - er made us glad then why should
 so sad since our re - deem - er made us glad then why should
 so sad since our re - deem - er made us glad then why should

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men on earth be so sad since our re - deem - er made us

men on earth be so sad since our re - deem - er made us

then why should men then why should men on earth be sad since our re - deem - er made us

then why should men then why should men on earth be sad since our re - deem - er made us

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(very soft and short) *Long* *p*

glad when from our sins he set us free

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glad A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia A - men

glad A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia A - men

Moving

Segue *a tempo* Brisk ♩ = 138

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All for to gain our li - ber - ty

All for to gain our li - ber - ty

All for to gain our li - ber - ty

All for to gain our li - ber - ty

Moving

Segue *a tempo* Brisk ♩ = 138

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f

S Glo - ry be to God peace on earth now and for - e - - - ver more

f

A Glo - ry be to God peace on earth now and for - e - - - ver more

f

B On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the an-gels bring

mf

8' 4' 2' 1'

mf

80

S A - - - men Glo - - - ry to God peace to men

A A - - - men Glo - - - ry to God peace to men

T *f* On Christ - - - - - mas night all

B A - - - men On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing

*(let tenors come through)

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now and for - e - - ver more A - - - men Glo - - ry to God

now and for - e - - ver more A - - - men Glo - - ry to God

Chris - - - - - tians sing to hear the

to hear the news the An-gels bring A - - - men On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians