Angels’ Carol

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1. Have you heard the sound of the angel voices Ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear? Have you seen the star shining out so brightly As a sign from
Angels’ Carol

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God that Christ the Lord is here?

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SOPRANOS and ALTOS

Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven

MEN

Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven

23

To the humble shepherds who have waited long?

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Brightly \( \frac{1}{4} = 136 \)

1. Sing this night, for a boy is born in Beth-le-hem,

2. Angels bright, come from heaven’s high-est glo-ry,

Christ our Lord in a low-ly man-ger lies;

Bear the news with its mes-sage of good cheer;

Bring your gifts, come and

‘Sing, re-joice, for a
worship at his cradle, Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of
King is come to save us, Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of

*Children and/or audience may join in the melody of the refrain, which can be taught at the time of performance.
The Very Best Time of Year

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Moderato, relaxed \( \frac{q}{4} = 84 \)

Christ-mas trees and boughs of hol-ly,  Yule-tide logs and mis-tle-toe;

Can-dles burn-ing bright,  and mea-dows frost-y white,  And fa-ces in the fire-light's
The Very Best Time of Year

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SOPRANOS and ALTOS

A

\[ \text{glow; Sounds of happy children's voices Singing carols that you love to} \]

MEN

\[ \text{SOPRANOS and ALTOS Sounds} \]

\[ \text{of happy children's voices Singing carols that you love to} \]

\[ \text{ hearing;} \]

Then the silence of the night And the winter air so still and clear.

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\[ \text{p unis.} \]

\[ \text{hearing;} \]

Then the silence of the night And the winter air so still and clear.

\[ \text{cresc.} \]

20

B SOPRANOS and ALTOS

\[ \text{Feels like you could reach and touch the sky, Or} \]

\[ \text{p} \]

\[ \text{p} \]
What sweeter music

*Words by Robert Herrick (1591–1674)

Andante tranquillo \( j = 66 \)

SOPRANOS \( p \) dolce e legato

VOICES

ORGAN

Sw. \( p \) legato sempre

Man.

5

mu - sic can we bring Than a ca - rol, for to sing The birth of

Ped.

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this our heav’n-ly King? A-wake the voice! A-wake the string!

MEN \( mp \)

Dark and dull

*Slightly abridged and altered

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What sweeter music

And give the honour to this day That sees December turn'd to May.

And give the honour to this day That sees December turn'd to May.

That sees December turn'd to May, Why does the

chilling winter's morn Smile, like a field beset with corn? Or smell like a