

# Improvisations on Christmas Carols

## I

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**Allegro**

Soprano Cornet

Solo Cornet

Repiano Cornet

2nd Cornet

3rd Cornet

Flugel

Solo Horn

1st Horn

2nd Horn

1st Baritone

2nd Baritone

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

Bass Trombone

Euphonium

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Timpani

Percussion 1

Percussion 2

Tambourine



8

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

*f*

The musical score consists of 18 staves, each representing a different instrument or voice part. The instruments listed are: Sop. Cor., Solo Cor., Rep. Cor., 2nd Cor., 3rd Cor., Flug. (Flute), Solo Hn. (Solo Horn), 1st Hn. (1st Horn), 2nd Hn. (2nd Horn), 1st Bar. (1st Bassoon), 2nd Bar. (2nd Bassoon), 1st Tbn. (1st Trombone), 2nd Tbn. (2nd Trombone), B. Tbn. (Bassoon), Euph. (Euphonium), E♭ Bass (E♭ Bassoon), B♭ Bass (B♭ Bassoon), Tim. (Timpani), Perc. 1 (Percussion 1), and Perc. 2 (Percussion 2). The page number '2' is at the top left. Measure number '8' is at the top center. The dynamic 'f' (fortissimo) is at the bottom center. A large, diagonal watermark reading 'SACRED' is overlaid across the page.

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Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor. to str.mute

3rd Cor. to str.mute

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn. f

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass f ff

Tim. ff ff

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 tr~~~~~ Bass Drum f

This musical score page contains ten staves of music for various instruments. The instruments listed from top to bottom are: Sop. Cor., Solo Cor., Rep. Cor., 2nd Cor. (with 'to str.mute' instruction), 3rd Cor. (with 'to str.mute' instruction), Flug., Solo Hn., 1st Hn., 2nd Hn. (with 'f' dynamic), 1st Bar., 2nd Bar., 1st Tbn., 2nd Tbn., B. Tbn., Euph., E♭ Bass, B♭ Bass (with 'f' and 'ff' dynamics), Tim. (with 'ff' and 'ff' dynamics), Perc. 1, and Perc. 2. The page number 3 is in the top right corner. A large, semi-transparent watermark reading 'SAMPLE' diagonally across the page is present.

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Sop. Cor. Solo Cor. Rep. Cor. 2nd Cor. 3rd Cor.

Flug. Solo Hn. 1st Hn. 2nd Hn.

1st Bar. 2nd Bar.

1st Tbn. 2nd Tbn. B. Tbn.

Euph. E♭ Bass B♭ Bass Timp.

Perc. 1 Perc. 2

51

Sop. Cor. ff

Solo Cor. ff

Rep. Cor. ff

2nd Cor. f

3rd Cor. f

Flug. f

Solo Hn. f

1st Hn. f

2nd Hn. f

1st Bar. ff ff

2nd Bar. ff

1st Tbn. ff ff

2nd Tbn. ff

B. Tbn. ff

Euph. ff

E♭ Bass ff

B♭ Bass ff

Tim. ff Clash Cymbal

Perc. 1 ff tr.....

Perc. 2 ff

The score consists of 18 staves of music. The instrumentation includes: Soprano Horn, Solo Horn, Bass Horn, 2nd Horn, 3rd Horn, Flugelhorn, Solo Horn, 1st Horn, 2nd Horn, 1st Trombone, 2nd Trombone, Bass Trombone, Euphonium, E♭ Bass, B♭ Bass, Timpani, Percussion 1, and Percussion 2. The dynamic markings 'ff' (fortissimo) are prominent throughout the score, appearing on most staves at various points. The first staff begins with a forte dynamic. The second staff follows with a forte dynamic. The third staff begins with a forte dynamic. The fourth staff begins with a forte dynamic. The fifth staff begins with a forte dynamic. The sixth staff begins with a forte dynamic. The seventh staff begins with a forte dynamic. The eighth staff begins with a forte dynamic. The ninth staff begins with a forte dynamic. The tenth staff begins with a forte dynamic. The eleventh staff begins with a forte dynamic. The twelfth staff begins with a forte dynamic. The thirteenth staff begins with a forte dynamic. The fourteenth staff begins with a forte dynamic. The fifteenth staff begins with a forte dynamic. The sixteenth staff begins with a forte dynamic. The十七th staff begins with a forte dynamic. The eighteen staff begins with a forte dynamic.

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Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

opt.

play

This page contains musical staves for various instruments: Sop. Cor., Solo Cor., Rep. Cor., 2nd Cor., 3rd Cor., Flug., Solo Hn., 1st Hn., 2nd Hn., 1st Bar., 2nd Bar., 1st Tbn., 2nd Tbn., B. Tbn., Euph., E♭ Bass, B♭ Bass, Tim., Perc. 1, and Perc. 2. The music is in common time, key signature of one sharp. The score includes dynamic markings such as 'opt.' and 'play'. The page number 9 is in the top right corner. A large, semi-transparent 'SAMPLE' watermark is diagonally across the page.

63

Sop. Cor. play

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

*p*

Solo Hn. *mf*

1st Hn. *mf*

2nd Hn. *p* *p*

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph. *f* *mf*

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim. *ff*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

9

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

*Solo*

17

Sop. Cor.

*f*  
1 player

Solo Cor.

*f*

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

*f*

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

*p*

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

div.

*p*

Euph.

*p*

E♭ Bass

*p*

B♭ Bass

*p*

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25

Sop. Cor. *f*  
1 player

Solo Cor. *f*

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor. *f*

Flug. *f*

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar. *f*

2nd Bar. *f*

1st Tbn. *f*

2nd Tbn. *f*

B. Tbn. *f*

Euph. *f*

E♭ Bass *f*

B♭ Bass *f*



55

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1 player *f*

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug. *f* *mf*

Solo Hn. *f* *mf*

1st Hn. *f* *mf*

2nd Hn. *f* *mf*

1st Bar. *p* *mf*

2nd Bar. *p* *mf*

1st Tbn. *p*

2nd Tbn. *p*

B. Tbn. *p*

Euph. div. *p*

E♭ Bass *p*

B♭ Bass *p*

63

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. *mf*  
1 player

Rep. Cor. *mf*

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

The music is in common time (indicated by '4'). The first five staves (top) begin with a measure of 3/4, followed by a measure of 2/4. The remaining staves (bottom) begin with a measure of 3/4, followed by a measure of 2/4. Measures 6 through 10 are indicated by a large 'SAMPLE' watermark.

## III

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**Slowly** ♩ = 92

Soprano Cornet

Solo Cornet

Repiano Cornet

2nd Cornet

3rd Cornet

Flugel

Solo Horn

1st Horn

2nd Horn

1st Baritone

2nd Baritone

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

Bass Trombone

Euphonium

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Timpani

Percussion 1

Percussion 2

10

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor. open  
*mf*

Flug.

*mf*

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn. *mf*

1st Bar. *mf*

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Eup. *mf*

E♭ Bass *mf*

B♭ Bass

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

The music is in common time, key signature is two sharps. Measures 10-11 are shown. The vocal parts (Sop. Cor., Solo Cor., Rep. Cor.) play eighth-note patterns. The brass and woodwind parts (2nd Cor., 3rd Cor., Flug., Solo Hn., 1st Hn., 2nd Hn., 1st Bar., 2nd Bar., 1st Tbn., 2nd Tbn., B. Tbn., Eup., E♭ Bass, B♭ Bass) play eighth-note patterns. The timpani (Tim.) and percussion (Perc. 1, Perc. 2) play sustained notes. Dynamics include 'open' and 'mf'.

17

Sop. Cor. *mf*

Solo Cor. *f* open

Rep. Cor. *open* *mf*

2nd Cor. *open* *mf*

3rd Cor. *f*

Flug. *mf*

Solo Hn. *f*

1st Hn. *f*

2nd Hn. *f*

1st Bar. *f*

2nd Bar. *f*

1st Tbn. *f*

2nd Tbn. *f*

B. Tbn. *f*

Euph. *f*

E♭ Bass *f*

B♭ Bass *mf* *f*

Tim. -

Perc. 1 -

Perc. 2 -





9

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. Solo *f*

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug. *mf*

Solo Hn. *mf*

1st Hn. *mf*

2nd Hn. *mf*

1st Bar. *mf*

2nd Bar. *mf*

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph. *mf*

E♭ Bass *mf*

B♭ Bass

This musical score page contains ten staves of music. The instruments listed from top to bottom are: Soprano Horn, Solo Horn (with a dynamic marking of *f* and a 'Solo' instruction above the staff), Bassoon, Second Horn, Third Horn, Flute (marked *mf*), Solo Horn (marked *mf*), First Horn (marked *mf*), Second Horn (marked *mf*), First Trombone, Second Trombone, Bass Trombone, Euphonium (marked *mf*), E♭ Bass (marked *mf*), and B♭ Bass. The page number 27 is located at the top right. A large, semi-transparent gray watermark reading 'GOLD' is overlaid across the page.

17

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

All

f

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

f

Solo Hn.

f

1st Hn.

f

2nd Hn.

f

1st Bar.

f

2nd Bar.

f

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

This page contains two sections of a musical score. The top section (measures 1-16) includes staves for Soprano Cor., Solo Cor., Rep. Cor., 2nd Cor., 3rd Cor., Flug., Solo Hn., 1st Hn., 2nd Hn., 1st Bar., and 2nd Bar. The bottom section (measures 17-22) includes staves for 1st Tbn., 2nd Tbn., B. Tbn., Euph., E♭ Bass, and B♭ Bass. Measure 17 starts with rests for most instruments, followed by entries from Solo Cor., Rep. Cor., 2nd Cor., 3rd Cor., Flug., Solo Hn., 1st Hn., 2nd Hn., 1st Bar., and 2nd Bar. Measure 18 continues with entries from Rep. Cor., 2nd Cor., 3rd Cor., Flug., Solo Hn., 1st Hn., 2nd Hn., 1st Bar., and 2nd Bar. Measure 19 adds Soprano Cor. and Solo Cor. Measure 20 adds All. Measures 21-22 continue with entries from Solo Cor., Rep. Cor., 2nd Cor., 3rd Cor., Flug., Solo Hn., 1st Hn., 2nd Hn., 1st Bar., and 2nd Bar. Measures 17-22 feature a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. Measure 17 ends with a dynamic f. Measures 18-22 end with dynamics f and mf respectively. Measures 17-22 also include measure repeat signs and bar lines.

25

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

33

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

51

Sop. Cor. *f*

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor. *f*

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn. *f*

1st Hn. *f*

2nd Hn. *f*

1st Bar. *f*

2nd Bar. *mf*

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Eup.

E♭ Bass *mf*

B♭ Bass *mf*

A large, semi-transparent 'SAX' watermark is overlaid across the page, oriented diagonally from bottom-left to top-right.

Sop. Cor.

Solo version 2  
*mf*

Solo Version 1  
*mf* 6 6 6 6

Version 2  
*mf*

Rep. Cor.  
Version 1  
*mf* 6 6 6 6 6 6

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.  
*f*

Solo Hn.  
*mf*

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.  
*mf*

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.  
*mf*

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass



Version 2

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Version 1

*ff*

*f*

*sf*

Str. mute

*p*

*p*

*p*

71

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

The musical score consists of 15 staves. The top five staves (Sop. Cor., Solo Cor., Rep. Cor., 2nd Cor., 3rd Cor.) are blank. The Flug. staff contains six measures of eighth-note patterns. The Solo Hn. and 1st Hn. staves contain six measures of sixteenth-note patterns. The 2nd Hn. staff is blank. The 1st Bar. and 2nd Bar. staves contain six measures of sixteenth-note patterns. The bottom five staves (1st Tbn., 2nd Tbn., B. Tbn., Euph., E♭ Bass) are blank. The B♭ Bass staff contains six measures of eighth-note patterns. A large 'SAMPLE' watermark is diagonally across the page.

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*fade out to nothing*

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

## V

**Allegro marcato**

Soprano Cornet      ff

Solo Cornet      ff

Repiano Cornet      ff

2nd Cornet      ff

3rd Cornet      ff

Flugel      ff

Solo Horn      ff

1st Horn      ff

2nd Horn      ff

1st Baritone      ff

2nd Baritone      ff

1st Trombone      ff

2nd Trombone      ff

Bass Trombone      ff

Euphonium      ff

E♭ Bass      ff

B♭ Bass      ff

Timpani      ff  
[Clash Cym.]

Percussion 1      ff

Percussion 2      -

22

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Timp.

Perc 1

Perc 2

The music is in 2/4 time, key signature is A major (three sharps). Measure 22 starts with a dynamic of *mf*. The Flugelhorn (Flug.) has eighth-note patterns. The Solo Horn (Solo Hn.) and 1st Horn (1st Hn.) play eighth-note patterns. The 2nd Horn (2nd Hn.) has eighth-note patterns. The 1st Trombone (1st Bar.) and 2nd Trombone (2nd Bar.) play eighth-note patterns. The 1st Trombone (1st Bar.) has a dynamic of *mf*. The Euphonium (Euph.) has eighth-note patterns. The Percussion 1 (Perc 1) and Percussion 2 (Perc 2) have sustained notes.



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Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim.

Perc 1

Perc 2

*mp*

Tam-Tam

The musical score consists of 17 staves, each representing a different instrument or section of the orchestra. The instruments listed are: Sop. Cor., Solo Cor., Rep. Cor., 2nd Cor., 3rd Cor., Flug. (Flute), Solo Hn. (Solo Horn), 1st Hn. (First Horn), 2nd Hn. (Second Horn), 1st Bar. (First Bassoon), 2nd Bar. (Second Bassoon), 1st Tbn. (First Trombone), 2nd Tbn. (Second Trombone), B. Tbn. (Bass Trombone), Euph. (Euphonium), E♭ Bass (E-flat Bass), B♭ Bass (B-flat Bass), Tim. (Timpani), Perc 1, and Perc 2. The score is in 2/4 time and uses a key signature of two sharps. Measures 50 through 55 are shown, with measure 50 starting with a forte dynamic. The Flug. and Solo Hn. staves contain a large diagonal watermark reading 'SAMPLE'. The Percussion parts (Perc 1 and Perc 2) have a dynamic marking 'mp' and a 'Tam-Tam' instruction.

58

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim.

Perc 1

Perc 2

*ff*

To Clash Cym.

Clash Cym.

*ff*

*ff*

Musical score page 46, system 58. The score includes parts for Sop. Cor., Solo Cor., Rep. Cor., 2nd Cor., 3rd Cor., Flug., Solo Hn., 1st Hn., 2nd Hn., 1st Bar., 2nd Bar., 1st Tbn., 2nd Tbn., B. Tbn., Euph., E♭ Bass, B♭ Bass, Tim., Perc 1, and Perc 2. The key signature is A major (three sharps). Measure 58 begins with dynamic *ff*. The woodwind section (Sop. Cor., Solo Cor., Rep. Cor., 2nd Cor., 3rd Cor., Flug., Solo Hn., 1st Hn., 2nd Hn.) plays eighth-note patterns. The brass section (1st Bar., 2nd Bar., 1st Tbn., 2nd Tbn., B. Tbn., Euph., E♭ Bass, B♭ Bass) enters with sustained notes. The timpani (Tim.) and percussion (Perc 1, Perc 2) play rhythmic patterns. The score features large diagonal gray markings across the staves. The Percussion 1 part ends with a dynamic *ff* followed by a instruction "To Clash Cym." and "Clash Cym." in a box. The Percussion 2 part ends with a dynamic *ff*.

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Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Eb Bass

Bb Bass

Timp.

Perc 1

Perc 2

