

Dedicated to Randall Thompson
with affection, and in admiration of a lifetime devoted to the joy of music

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SEVEN JOYS OF CHRISTMAS

A Sequence of Carols
Arranged for Four-part Chorus of Mixed Voices
with Optional Piano Accompaniment

I

The Joy of Love This is the truth

Traditional

Traditional (English)
Arranged by
Kirke Mechem, Op. 25b

Freely, with motion

SOPRANO SOLO

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ALTO

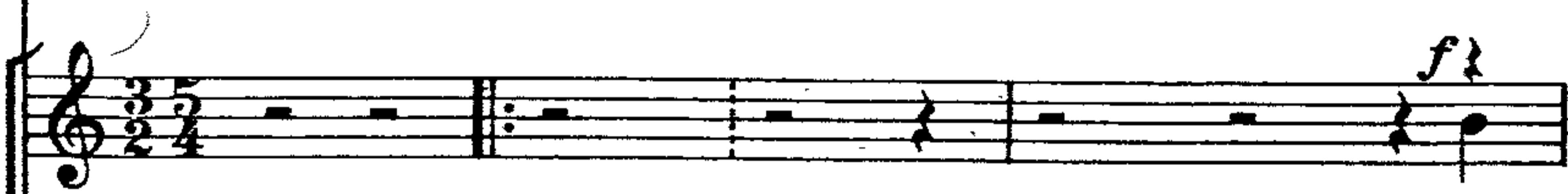
TENOR

BASS

PIANO
(Optional)



1. This is the truth sent from a - bove,
first thing which I do re - late



1. The



The

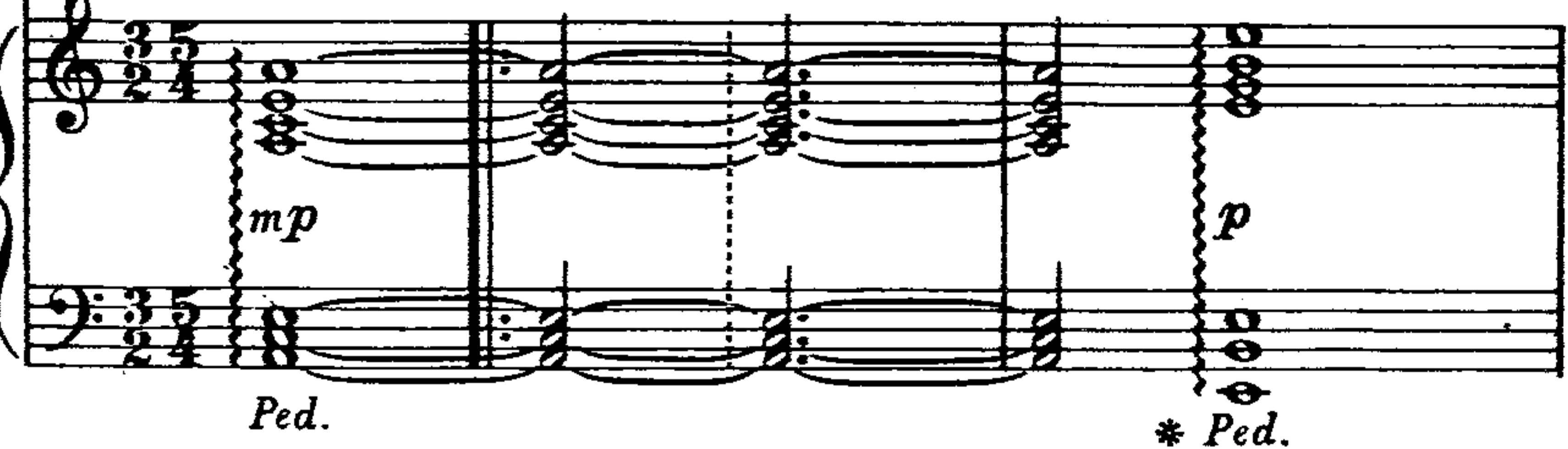


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There-fore don't turn me
The next thing which to

truth of God, the God of love,
2. Is that God did man cre - ate;

truth of God, the God of love,
2. Is that God did man cre - ate;

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2. Is that God did man cre - ate;

5

Ped.

* Ped.

mf 2. The
p 3. And

from your door,
you I'll tell:

pp *mp* But heark-en all both rich and poor.
Wom-an was made with man to dwell.

pp But heark-en all both rich and poor.
Wom-an was made with man to dwell.

pp But heark-en all both rich and poor.
Wom-an was made with man to dwell.

pp But heark-en all both rich and poor.
Wom-an was made with man to dwell.

(divisi)

rich man and poor.
to dwell.

Ped.

10

mf *cresc.*

we were heirs to end - less woes,
Till God the Lord did

p

3. And we were heirs to end - less woes, Till God the Lord did

mp

3. And we were heirs to end - less woes, *mf* *cresc.*

mp *mf* *cresc.*

3. And we were heirs to end - less woes, *mf* *cresc.*

(uniti) *p*

3. And we were heirs to end - less woes, *mf* *cresc.*

poco cresc.

Ped.

10

in - ter - pose; And so a prom - ise soon did run

f

in - ter - pose; That He

And so a prom - ise soon did run

mf

end - less woes,

mf

Ped.

15 *poch. cresc.* *rall.* *a tempo* *p* *35*
 That He would re - deem us by His Son.
 15 *poch. cresc.* *rall.* *p* *35*
 would re - deem us by His Son, His Son.
p *p* *p* *p* *35*
 That He would re - deem us by His Son.
(rall.) *mp* *35*
(rall.) *4. And* *35*
15 *rall.* *a tempo* *p* *35*
p poch. cresc. *p* *35*
mf *20 cresc.* *4. Our blest Re - deem - er*
mf *20 cresc.* *4. Our blest Re - deem - er*
mf *cresc.* *at that sea - son of the year Our blest Re - deem - er*
mf *cresc.* *4. And at that sea - son of the year Our blest Re - deem - er*
20 *mf cresc.*

poco allargando *f*

Ritenuto *p*

did ap pear; *poco allargando* *f*

And—

did ap-pear; *poco allargando* *mp*

poco allargando 4. He here did live, and preach.

(divisi) *f* *p* (uniti) *pp*

did ap pear; *poco allargando* *f*

and here did preach.

did ap - pear; *poco allargando* *p*

and here did preach.

Ritenuto

Lento pp senza cresc.

man - y thou - sands He did teach. 5. Thus He in love to us be-haved, To *accel.* *p*

25 *pp senza cresc.*

5. Thus He in love to us be-haved, To *accel.* *p*

pp senza cresc.

5. Thus He in love to us be-haved, To *accel.* *p*

pp senza cresc.

5. Thus He in love to us be-haved, To *accel.* *p*

25 *Lento pp*

poco a poco
poco cresc. *mf* 30 *poco rall.*
show us how we must be saved; And if you want to
poco a poco *mf* 30 *poco rall.*
poco cresc.
show us how we must be saved; And if you want to
poco a poco *mf* *poco rall.*
poco cresc.
show us how we must be saved; And if you want to know
poco a poco *mf* *poco rall.*
poco cresc.
⁸ *show us how we must be saved; And if you want to know*
poco a poco *mf* *(uniti) f* *poco rall.*
poco cresc. *(divisi)*
show us how we must be saved; And if you want to
poco a poco
Molto lento *ppp senza cresc.* 30 *poco rall.*
know the way, Be pleased to hear what He did say.
p. ppp senza cresc.
know the way, Be pleased to hear what He did say.
p. ppp senza cresc. R!
the way, Be pleased to hear what He did say.
p. ppp senza cresc. (divisi)
the way, Be pleased to hear what He did say.
p. Molto lento
Ritenuto