



# A Holst Christmas

Featuring *In the Bleak Midwinter*, *Lullay My Liking* and excerpts from *Christmas Day*

GUSTAV HOLST

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## INSTRUMENTATION

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|---|------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Conductor        | 4 | F Horn                               | 1 | Percussion                      |
| 1 | 1st Flute        | 1 | 1st B♭ Trumpet                       |   | (Suspended Cymbal/<br>Triangle) |
| 1 | 2nd Flute        | 1 | 2nd B♭ Trumpet                       | 8 | 1st Violin                      |
| 2 | Oboe             | 3 | Trombone                             | 8 | 2nd Violin                      |
| 1 | 1st B♭ Clarinet  | 1 | Tuba                                 | 5 | 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)         |
| 1 | 2nd B♭ Clarinet  | 2 | Mallet Percussion<br>(Chimes, Bells) | 5 | Viola                           |
| 2 | Bassoon          | 1 | Timpani (C-F)                        | 5 | Cello                           |
| 1 | B♭ Bass Clarinet |   |                                      | 5 | String Bass                     |

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## NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Written as a sequel to the highly successful *A Vaughan Williams Christmas* (BFOM03002), this artfully crafted medley includes rich scoring that creates a satisfying musical experience, with care taken to insure that all technical demands are well within the parameters at this level. The arrangement may be played by strings alone, or with the addition of any combination of wind and/or percussion parts.

## PROGRAM NOTES

This diverse sampling of Christmas music by Gustav Holst includes three items from his catalog of works. First we hear "In the Bleak Midwinter" (m. 3). No doubt Holst's most famous carol tune, this was written in 1904 at the request of R. Vaughan Williams for inclusion in the first edition of the English Hymnal. The music is paired to a text by Christina Rossetti (1830–1894). Next comes "Lullay My Liking" (m. 43), which was first published in 1919. Holst's original music supports an anonymous fifteenth-century text. We finish with excerpts from "Christmas Day." Most of *A Holst Christmas* is based on material drawn from the composer's tightly woven 1910 medley of standard carol tunes, a work that was written specifically for performance by his adult music students at Morley College. Titles excerpted are "Good Christmas Men, Rejoice" (m. 26), "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" (m. 51), "Come Ye Lofty, Come Ye Lowly" (m. 73), and "The First Nowell" (m. 86).

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

All Belwin string parts have been carefully bowed and fingered appropriately by level. The Yellow Very Beginning series includes many bowings as well as reminder fingerings for first-time readers. The Red Beginning series includes frequent bowings to assist younger players. Fingerings for altered pitches are often marked. The Green Intermediate series includes appropriately placed bowings for middle-level students. Fingerings and positions are marked for notes beyond first position. The Blue Concert series includes bowings appropriate for the experienced high school player. Fingerings and position markings are indicated for difficult passages.

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11

Fls. I *mp* *< mf*

Fls. II *mp* *< mf*

Ob. *mf* *mp*

Cls. I *mf* *mp*

Cls. II *mf* *mp*

Bsn. (B $\flat$  B. Cl.) *mf* *mp*

Hn. *mf* *mp*

Tpts. I

Tpts. II

Trb. *mf* *mp*

Tuba *mf* *mp*

Mlt. Perc.

Timp. *p*

Perc.

11

Vlns. I *f* *mf*

Vlns. II *mf* *mp*

Vla. (Vln. III) *mf* *mp*

Cello *mf* *mp*

Str. Bass *mf* *mp*

6 7 8 9 10 11

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B $\flat$  B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

rit.

*mf*

*mf*

*p* *mp* *p*

*mp* *f*

*f* *mf* *mp* *mf*

*rit.*

12 13 14 15 16 17

**18 Quicker, lightly** (♩ = 96)

Violins I and II, Viola, Cello, and String Bass parts, measures 18-25. The score is in 6/8 time, key of B-flat major. The Violins I part features a melodic line with a crescendo leading to a fortissimo (f) dynamic. The Viola and Cello parts enter in measure 20 with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The String Bass part remains mostly silent, with a final measure 25 featuring a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic.

26

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B $\flat$  B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

This block contains the musical notation for measures 26 through 34 for the woodwind and percussion section. The instruments listed are Flutes (I, II), Oboe, Clarinets (I, II), Bassoon (B $\flat$  B. Cl.), Horn, Trumpets (I, II), Trombone, Tuba, Mallet Percussion, Timpani, and Percussion. Measures 26-29 show mostly rests for the woodwinds, while measures 30-34 feature active parts for the Clarinets, Bassoon, Horn, Trumpets, Trombone, and Tuba. Dynamics include *mf* (mezzo-forte). The percussion parts are mostly rests.

26

Vlms. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

This block contains the musical notation for measures 26 through 34 for the string section. The instruments listed are Violins (I, II), Viola (Vln. III), Cello, and String Bass. Measures 26-29 show active parts for all strings. Measures 30-34 show a more sustained texture with some melodic lines in the Violins and Viola. Dynamics include *mf* (mezzo-forte). The Cello and String Bass parts have some specific articulation marks.

35

*poco rit.*

*mf*

Fls. I

Fls. II

Ob.

Cls. I

Cls. II

Bsn. (B $\flat$  B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I

Tpts. II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc. Bells *mf*

Timp.

Perc.

35

*poco rit.*

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42

## "Lullay My Liking"

43 Freely (♩ = 88)

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B♭ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Change: C to B♭

## "Lullay My Liking"

43 Freely (♩ = 88)

Vlins. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

51

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B $\flat$  B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

51

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

*mf*

*mf*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57

59

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B $\flat$  B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

59

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65

This musical score page contains measures 58 through 65. The instruments are arranged in a standard orchestral layout. Measures 59 and 64 are marked with a box containing the number 59. The score includes parts for Flutes (I and II), Oboe, Clarinets (I and II), Bassoon (B-flat Bass Clarinet), Horn, Trumpets (I and II), Trombone, Tuba, Multiple Percussion, Timpani, Percussion, Violins (I and II), Viola (Violin III), Cello, and String Bass. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

69 (♩ = ♩.) rit.

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B♭ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

69 (♩ = ♩.) rit. div.

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

66 67 68 69 70 71 72

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73 With animation (♩ = 120)

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B♭ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

*p*

*mp*

73 With animation (♩ = 120)

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

*mp* slightly detached

*mp* slightly detached

*mp* slightly detached

*mp* slightly detached

73

74

75

76

77

78

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B $\flat$  B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

79 80 81 82 83 84

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93

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B $\flat$  B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

*mf*

93

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

91

92

93

94

95

rit.

101 Slower (♩ = 96)

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B♭ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Change: B♭ to C

Sus. Cym.

mp

rit.

101 Slower (♩ = 96)

96 97 98 99 100 101

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B $\flat$  B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

102 103 104 105 106 107 108

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109 A bit slower (♩. = 88)

Fls. I *mp*

Fls. II *mp*

Ob.

Cls. I

Cls. II

Bsn. (B $\flat$  B. Cl.)

Hn. *mp*

Tpts. I

Tpts. II

Trb. *mp*

Tuba *mp*

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

109 A bit slower (♩. = 88)

Vlns. I *mp*

Vlns. II *mf*

Vla. (Vln. III) *mp*

Cello *mp*

Str. Bass *mp*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

209 110 111 112 113 114 115

117

rit.

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B $\flat$  B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

*mf*

*mp*

117

rit.

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123

126 Quietly (♩ = 69) rit. (♩ = ♩.)

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

Bsn. (B♭ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Chimes

126 Quietly (♩ = 69) rit. (♩ = ♩.)

Vlins. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

124 125 126 127 128 129 130