

Thank you for your interest in our production of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. It is a play about putting on a play (pageant). The Pageant itself is the penultimate scene of the play and you will be onstage in costume accompanying the children's choir.

We will need you at most rehearsals. They will be Wednesday evening 6-8. Friday afternoon 1-3 and Saturday morning 9-Noon. From October 20 to December 6. I will also need you for auditions in October.

For your auditions we would like you to play 2 songs from our production. They are all Christmas songs, mostly well known. Also we will ask you to stop and restart while playing. The character has no lines in the play. You will represent a junior or assistant minister in the community so your costume will be semi formal.

We will be using our Clavinova instead of the baby grand piano due to stage room requirements. We can arrange time for you to practice on it if you need.

Thanks again, and we hope to see you audition.

Sleep, Little Jesus

Peacefully ♩ = 96-104

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of four systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). Chords are indicated above the vocal line. Fingerings are shown with numbers 1-5. The lyrics are provided below the vocal line.

System 1: Chords: C, Am. Lyrics: 1. Sleep, lit - tle Je - sus, Lord of the earth. An - gels are
2. "Sleep, lit - tle Je - sus," soft - ly we sing. Earth long has

System 2: Chords: Dm, E, Am. Lyrics: tell - ing the news of thy and birth. Shep - herds will
wait - ed her Sav - ior and King. Heav - en - ly

System 3: Chords: C, F, Ab7, C. Lyrics: come to thee, bring - ing thee love. Bright shines the
hosts sing, "Al - le - lu - ia, Peace to all

System 4: Chords: Am, 1. G7, C, 2. Dm, C. Lyrics: star in heav - en a - bove. le - lu - ia!"
men, Al -

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Music: Michael Finlinson Moody, b. 1941. © 1981 IRI

Luke 2:4-16
Matthew 2:1-2

Joy to the World

Jubilantly ♩ = 76-96

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come; Let earth re -
 2. Re - joice! Re - joice when Je - sus reigns, And Saints their
 3. No more will sin and sor - row grow, Nor thorns in -
 4. Re - joice! Re - joice in the Most High, While Is - rael

ceive her King! Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; He'll come and make the bless - ings
 spreads a - broad Like stars that glit - ter in the

room, And Saints and an - gels sing, And Saints and an - gels
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 flow Far as the curse was found, Far as the curse was
 sky, And ev - er wor - ship God, And ev - er wor - ship

And Saints and an - gels sing, And

sing, And Saints, and Saints and an - gels sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse was found.
 God, And ev - er, and ev - er wor - ship God.

Saints and an - gels sing,

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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Peacefully ♩ = 84-100

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie.
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And, gath - ered all a - bove
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing; But in this world of sin,

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.
Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893
Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

Micah 5:2
Luke 2:4-16

With Wondering Awe

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Brightly ♩ = 112-126



1. With won-d'ring awe the wise men saw The star in heav - en spring - ing,
 2. By light of star they trav - eled far To seek the low - ly man - ger,
 3. And still is found, the world a - round, The old and hal - lowed sto - ry,
 4. The heav'n - ly star its rays a - far On ev - 'ry land is throw - ing,



And with de-light, in peace-ful night, They heard the an - gels sing - ing:
 A hum - ble bed where-in was laid The won-drous lit - tle Strang - er.
 And still is sung in ev - 'ry tongue The an - gels' song of glo - ry:
 And shall not cease till ho - ly peace In all the earth is grow - ing.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na to his name!



The First Noel

Jubilantly ♩ = 80-92


1. The first Noel the angel did say Was to
2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin-ing

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay, In
in the East be - yond them far, And

fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep On a cold win - ter's
to the earth it gave great light, And so it con -

night that was so deep. No - el, No - el, No -
tin - ued both day and night.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

Away in a Manger

Like a lullaby ♩ = 100-116

C G7 C

Duet $\frac{5}{3}$

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, The
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the poor ba - by wakes; But
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay Close

G7 C G7

lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; The
lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I
by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray. Bless

C G7 C

stars in the heav - ens looked down where he lay, The
 love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky And
 all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, And

F C G7 C

lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 fit us for heav - en, to live with thee there.

Chorus* G7 C G7

A - sleep, A - sleep, a - sleep, a - sleep, the

C G7

Sav - ior in a stall! A - sleep, A - sleep, a -

C G7 C (F) C

sleep, a - sleep, a - sleep, the Lord of all.
 a - sleep, a - sleep, the Lord, the Lord of all.

*Chorus may be sung in one or two parts.
 Words: Anon., about 1883, Philadelphia
 Music: Charles H. Gabriel, 1856-1932

Luke 2:3-7
 Luke 18:15-17