

All Be Merry

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Poem originally entitled *A Christmas Carol*

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Joyfully! ♩ = 86

S *f* So now is come our

A *f* So now is come our

T *f* So now is come our

B *f* So now is come our

6 joy - ful-est feast, Let ev - 'ry one be jol-ly;— Each room with i - vy leaves is drest, And

joy - ful-est feast, Let ev - 'ry one be jol-ly;— Each room with i - vy leaves is drest, And

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joy - ful-est feast, Let ev - 'ry one be jol-ly;— Each room with i - vy leaves is drest, And

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ev - 'ry post with hol-ly. Though some churls at our mirth re - pine,

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Round your fore - heads gar - lands twine; Drown sor - row in a

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cup of wine, And let us all be mer-ry, And let us all be

cup of wine, And let us all be mer-ry, And let us all be

cup of wine, And let us all be mer-ry, And let us all be

cup of wine, And let us all be mer-ry, And let us all be

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mer-ry.

mer-ry.

mer-ry.

mer-ry.

Now ev - e-ry lad is

Now ev - e-ry lad is

won-der-ous trim And no man minds his la-bor;— Our las - ses have pro-vid - ed them A

won-der-ous trim And no man minds his la-bor;— Our las - ses have pro-vid - ed them A

f Young men and maids, and girls and boys, Give life to one a -

f Young men and maids, and girls and boys, Give life to one a -

bag-pipe and a ta-bor;— Young men and maids, and girls and boys, Give life to one a -

bag-pipe and a ta-bor;— Young men and maids, and girls and boys, Give life to one a -

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noth - er's joys; And you a - non shall by their noise Per -

noth - er's joys; And you a - non shall by their noise Per -

noth - er's joys; And you a - non shall by their noise Per -

noth - er's joys; And you a - non shall by their noise Per -

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ceive that they are mer-ry, Per-ceive that they are mer-ry.

ceive that they are mer-ry, Per-ceive that they are mer-ry.

ceive that they are mer-ry, Per-ceive that they are mer-ry.

ceive that they are mer-ry, Per-ceive that they are mer-ry.

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f marcato

Ned *f* Swash hath fetch'd his bands from pawn, And

f marcato

Ned Swash hath fetch'd his bands from pawn, And

52

all his best ap - pa - rel; Brisk Nell hath bought a ruff of lawn With

all his best ap - pa - rel; Brisk Nell hath bought a ruff of lawn With

56

mf espress.

And those that hard-ly all the year Had bread to eat or

mf espress.

And those that hard-ly all the year Had bread to eat or

drop-pings of the bar - rel;—

drop-pings of the bar - rel;—

mp legato e espressivo

61

rags to wear, Will have both clothes and daint-y fare, And all the day be mer-ry—

rags to wear, Will have both clothes and daint-y fare, And all the day be mer-ry—

The

The

66

poco rit. , *a tempo* *poco rit.*

cli - ent now his suit for-bears, The pris - 'ner's heart is eased; The debt - or drinks a -

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quasi recitativo *poco accel.*

way his cares, And for the time is pleased. Though oth - er purs-es be more fat, Why

a tempo

way his cares, And for the time is pleased. Though oth - er purs-es be more fat, Why

76 *poco rall.* *freely*

should we pine or grieve at that? Hang sor-row! Care will kill a cat,

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81 *Primo tempo* *f*

And there-fore let's be mer-ry.

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And there-fore let's be mer-ry.

86

The wench-es_ with their was - sail bowls A - bout the streets are

The wench-es_ with their was - sail bowls A - bout the streets are

90

sing-ing, — Our

sing-ing, — Our

The boys are come to catch the owls, The wild mare in is bring-ing_ Our

The boys are come to catch the owls, The wild mare in is bring-ing_ Our

95

kitch - en boy hath broke his box, And to the deal - ing of the ox Our

kitch - en boy hath broke his box, And to the deal - ing of the ox Our

8 kitch - en boy hath broke his box, And to the deal - ing of the ox Our

kitch - en boy hath broke his box, And to the deal - ing of the ox Our

100

hon - est neigh - bors come by flocks And here they will be mer-ry.____

hon - est neigh - bors come by flocks____ And here they will be mer-ry.____

8 hon - est neigh - bors come by flocks And here they will be mer-ry.____

hon - est neigh - bors come by flocks And here they will be mer-ry.____

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cresc.

Then where-fore in these mer - ry days Should we, I pray, be dull-er?— No,

cresc.

Then where-fore in these mer - ry days Should we, I pray, be dull-er?— No,

cresc.

Then where-fore in these mer - ry days Should we, I pray, be dull-er?— No,

cresc.

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cresc.

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let us make some round-e-lays To make our mirth the full-er.— And as we are in-

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let us make some round-e-lays To make our mirth the full-er.— And as we are in-

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spired to sing, the streets in ech - oes ring! and ring!

spired to sing, the streets in ech - oes ring! and ring!

8 spired to sing, the streets in ech - oes ring! and ring!

spired to sing, the streets in ech - oes ring! and ring!

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and woods and hills e - ve-ry thing, Bear wit - ness we are mer-ry, and

and woods and hills e - ve-ry thing, Bear wit - ness we are mer-ry, and

8 and woods and hills e - ve-ry thing, Bear wit - ness we are mer-ry, and

and woods and hills e - ve-ry thing, Bear wit - ness we are mer-ry, and

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woods and hills and e-ve-ry-thing shall know that we are mer-ry, we are

woods and hills and e-ve-ry-thing shall know that we are mer-ry, we are

woods and hills and e-ve-ry-thing shall know that we are mer-ry, we are

woods and hills and e-ve-ry-thing shall know that we are mer-ry, we are

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*Long "a" sound
on first syllable*

mer-ry, Mer-ry! A - - - ya!

mer-ry, Mer-ry! A - - - ya!

mer-ry, Mer-ry! A - - - ya!

mer-ry, Mer-ry! A - - - ya!