

Moderately Slow CHRISTMAS IS A TIME FOR GIVING

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The musical score consists of six staves of handwritten music. The first two staves begin with a treble clef, a bass clef, and a key signature of one sharp. The tempo is marked 'Moderately Slow'. The third staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The fourth staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The fifth staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The sixth staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp.

Lyrics are integrated into the music:

- Staff 1: (Treble) - (Bass)
- Staff 2: (Treble) - (Bass)
- Staff 3: (Treble) - (Bass)
- Staff 4: (Bass) - (Treble)
- Staff 5: (Treble) - (Bass)
- Staff 6: (Bass) - (Treble)

Performance instructions include:

- mf (Mezzo-forte) in Staff 1.
- poco rit. (Poco ritardando) in Staff 3.
- a tempo in Staff 3.
- f (Forte) in Staff 4.
- sva (Sforzando) in Staff 4.

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A handwritten musical score for three voices (Soprano, Alto, Bass) and piano. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The vocal parts are in soprano, alto, and bass clef. The piano part is in soprano clef. The score consists of six staves of music, each with lyrics written underneath. The lyrics describe the spirit of Christmas as a time for sharing, caring, and helping others.

Christ... mas is a time for shar... ing
What we have with oth... ers

who have less. Christ... mas is a time for car... ing E... nough to

help, some other soul to bless. Christ... mas is a time for

light... ing Christmas trees and candles, Yule log and guiding star.

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Christ... mas is a time for right... ing Thoughtless hurts and wrongs that can a friendship

mar. Christ... mas is a time for sing... ing 8va

Glad carols for the gift of God's own Son. Christ... mas is a time for

ring... ing Bells of peace throughout all christen... dom.

Christ... mas is a time for rejoic... . . . ing

For the mangled Babe in swad-ling clothes.

Christ... mas is a time for

voic... ing Thanks for love each family member shows.

Christ... mas is a time for do... . . . ing

All the thoughtful things that help spread Yuletide cheer; Christ. mas is a time for re-

new ... ing

Friendships near

and far once more this

year.

Christ. mas is a time for mak... ing

Nice sum...

pres es wrapped and hid be... neath the tree.

Christ. mas is a time for

back . . . ing Special treats for friends and neighbors we will see . . .

Christmas is a time for giving — *[Guit.]* Oh, the joys that gifts of

self can bring. Christ-mas is a time for living. In the foot steps

of our Savior, Lord and King, Lord and King *[Guit.]*