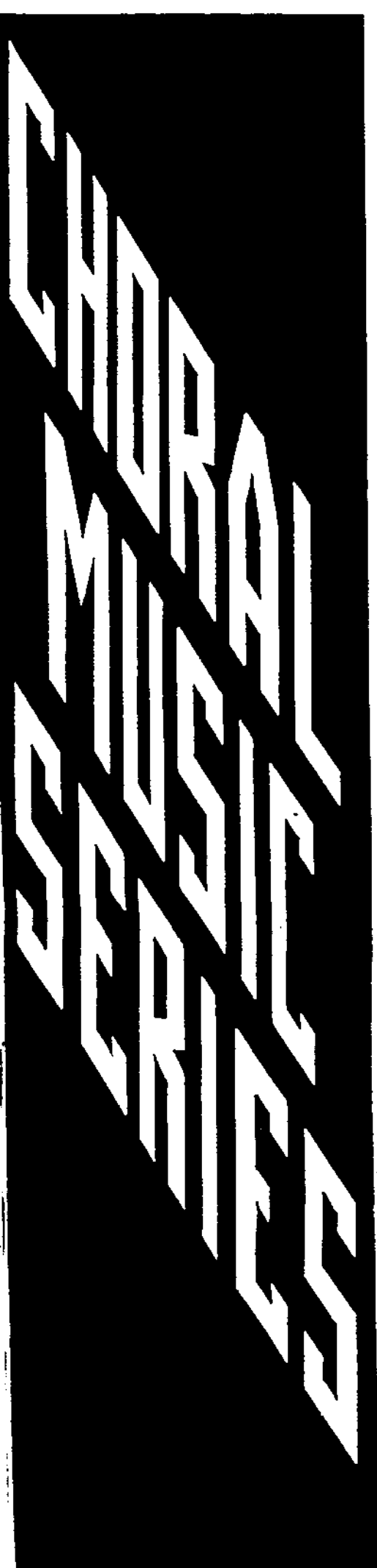


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Allegro ♩ = 108 (with enthusiasm)

1 *mf*

Musical notation for the piano introduction, measures 1-2. The right hand plays a melody starting on G4, and the left hand provides a bass line. The dynamic is marked *mf*.

3 *f*

Oh, it's great to be with fam - i - ly at Christ - mas time, That most

Musical notation for the vocal line, measures 3-4. The dynamic is marked *f*. The lyrics are: "Oh, it's great to be with fam - i - ly at Christ - mas time, That most".

3 *f*

Musical notation for the piano accompaniment, measures 3-4. The dynamic is marked *f*.

6 *poco cres.*

won - derful time of the year. — We come from far and near, — Bring - ing Christ - mas cheer, —

Musical notation for the vocal line, measures 6-7. The dynamic is marked *poco cres.*. The lyrics are: "won - derful time of the year. — We come from far and near, — Bring - ing Christ - mas cheer, —".

6 *poco cres.*

Musical notation for the piano accompaniment, measures 6-7. The dynamic is marked *poco cres.*.

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10 *mf*

Show— ing our love for those we hold so dear. Oh, it's great to be with fam - i - ly at

10

10 *mf*

13

Christ - mas time, As— once a-gain we help to trim the tree. I'll

13

13

13

16 *poco cres.*

al - ways want to be With all the fam - i - ly As we make the tree a glo - rious sight to

16

16 *poco cres.*

16

19 *mp*
 see! We thrill to see each home with twin-ling lights a-glow, And

19 *mp*

22 *mf*
 hear the glad bells ring - ing through the night. As can - dies shed their light Up - on the

22 *mf*

25 *f* *mf*
 snow so white, There's mag - ic in each fest - ive Christ - mas sight! Oh, it's

25 *f* *mf*

28
great to be with fam - i - ly at Christ - mas time. Sweet a - ro - ma from the kitch - en fills the



28



31
air. Ev - ry fav' - rite good - y's there, Spe - cial rec - i - pes we share, As we



31



34
sa - vor ev' - ry bite of scrump - tious Christ - mas fare. Oh, it's nice to watch with fam - i - ly at

mf



34

mf



37

37 Christ - mas time, as soft fall - ing snow - flakes blan - ket ev' - ry - thing, _____ Time for

37

37

40

sleds and skis they bring, And snow - balls we can fling, And squeak - y crunch of snow as we go

40

40

40

43

mf

car - ol - ing. It's fun to see the stock - ings all hung in a row, And

43

43

mf

43

46 watch each ea - ger face on Christ - mas Morn. Soon wrap - ping pa - per's torn, And cher - ished

46 46 46

49 gifts a - dorn Each pre - cious girl and boy as hap - py smiles are worn. Oh, it's

49 49 49 *f*

52 great to be with fam - i - ly at Christ - mastime, Mak - ing mem - o - ries to last our whole life

52 52 52

55 *mp* *poco cres.*

through, ——— See-ing what each one can do, Tell-ing sto - ries old and new, Rem - i -

55

58 *f*

nisc - ing o - ver times and scenes we've bid a - dieu. Oh, it's great to be with fam - i - ly at

58

58

61

61 Christ - mastime, Strength - en - ing the bonds for - ev - er sure, ——— For

61

64 *poco cres.*

wheth - er rich or poor, Those ties will still en - dure, Of - fer - ing a ha - ven that's se -

64 *poco cres.*

67 *cresc.*

cure. Oh, it's great to be with fam - i - ly, It's great to be with fam - i - ly, It's

67 *cresc.*

70 *ritard ff Maestoso*

great to be with fam - i - ly at Christ - mas time!

70 *ritard ff*

8va *8va*

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Christmas Music by Ruth Gatrell

A New, Bright Shining Star

Bells Ring in the Joyous Season

Christmas Is a Time for Giving

Christmas Star

Christmas--White

It's Great to Be with Family at Christmastime

Mary's Love

No Room at the Inn

***Samuel the Lamanite
Foretells Christ's Birth***
(Christmas Cantata)

Shepherd Boy

Shepherds Abiding on a Desert Hill

The Sign Has Been Given

There's Nothing Like Christmas

'Twas the Lambing Season

What Would He find?

Who Was Mary?