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*Allegretto* ♩ = 124 (with a feeling of gratitude)

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19 *cresc.* *f*

mem-ber the rea-son for *f* Christ-mas, What our Sav-ior's birth means to you.

*cresc.* *f*

25 *mf*

— *mf* The raz-zle-daz-zle of mod-ern dis-plays Can't com-pare with the

*mf* *8va*

31 *cresc.* *f*

light of that star That sig-naled the birth of God's *f* Son come to

*cresc.* *f*

*cresc.* *f*

37 *mp* earth, And guid - ed the Ma - gi so far. *mp* In the hus - tle and

43 bus - tle to find the right pres - ent For each on the list this year, Don't lose

50 *cresc. poco a poco* sight of the great - est gift of them all When God's gift of His Son did ap -

*cresc. poco a poco*

56 *ff*

*ff* pear.

56 *ff* *f*

62

62

62 *ff* *f*

65 *mf*

*mf* How bright was the light as the an - gel came down To shep - herds who

65 *mf*

*mf* How bright was the light as the an - gel came down To shep - herds who

65 *mf*

71

watched o'er their sheep, \_\_\_\_\_ Dis - pel - ling their fear with his mes - sage of

77

joy And wee Babe in the man - ger a - sleep. \_\_\_\_\_ How the song of the

83

throng of the heav - en - ly host Prais - ing God brought His mes - sage of peace \_\_\_\_\_

83 *8<sup>va</sup>*

89 *poco cres.* *f*

*poco cres.* And good will to men, and His love for us all! *f* May His king - dom on

95 *mp*

earth nev - er cease! *mp* By mak - ing and bak - ing true gifts of the

101 *poco cres.*

heart, — Spread feelings of love we share. *poco cres.* In re - sponse to that

107 *cresc.*  
 great gift of in - fin - ite love, *cresc.* Let's reach out and show we, too,

107 *cresc.*

112 *ff* *mf*  
 care. *mf* Right-ous liv - ing and giv - ing of self ev - 'ry day, Not

112 *ff* *mf*

118 *poco cresc.* *mp*  
 on - ly when Christ - mas draws near, *mp* Is the way to re -

118 *poco cresc.* *mp*



123 *cresc. poco a poco* *molto cres.*  
 pay all the bless - ings that came With the birth of God's Son, the  
*cresc. poco a poco* *molto cres.*

128 *ff*  
 birth of God's Son, through the year.

134 *decesc.* *p.* *poco rit.* *morendo* *ppp*

# Music by Ruth Gattrell

## Choral Music

Abide in My Love  
America--Land Choice above  
All Other Lands  
And I Saw Another Angel  
Ballad of the Dead Cat  
Circles of Influence  
Come What May  
Courageous Pioneers  
Daughters of Destiny  
Frustration  
Farmington, My Farmington  
Heritage  
His Kingdom on Earth Ever Grows  
I Am the Resurrection  
I Have a Mother So Dear to Me  
I Like to Listen to the Prophet  
I Love America  
I'll Follow the Words of the Prophet  
In a Gospel Centered Home  
In Your Countenance  
Keep Me in Thy Way, O Lord  
Let Freedom Ring  
Let Me Do God's Work  
Let Us Go unto the Temple  
Let's Dance by the Firelight  
Look to the Future  
Love Grows As We Serve One Another  
Mother--Life of Love Unfeigned  
My Father Guides Me  
My Prayer  
One Mind, One Heart  
Psalm 67  
Pray unto the Lord  
Put on the Whole Armour of God  
Salute to Our Utah Pioneers  
Search the Scriptures  
She's My Sister  
The Gospel Makes Us One  
The Time Is Short  
There's Work to Be Done, But It's Lots of Fun  
Trusted  
Utah--What a Wonderful Place!  
We're Best Friends  
Work, Work, Work  
Why God Gave Us Mothers  
Who Was Mary?  
You Don't Have to

## Instrumental

Come, Come Ye Saints (arr. for Violin & piano)  
Meditation (Violin Solo with Piano acc.)  
Reubeneseque (arr. for Violin & piano)  
Silent Night (arr. for 3 Violins)

## Piano Solos

Pocahantas  
Three Preludes for Piano  
Beginnings  
Life Stream  
Finality

## Christmas Music

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 (vocal Solo)  
No Room at the Inn  
Samuel the Lamanite Foretells Christ's  
Birth (Christmas Cantata)  
Shepherd Boy  
Shepherds Abiding on a Desert Hill  
The Reason for Christmas  
The Sign Has Been Given  
There's Nothing Like Christmas  
Twas the Lambing Season  
What Would He Find?  
Who Was Mary?

## Arrangements

All Creatures of Our God and King  
America the Beautiful  
Come, Come Ye Saints  
Come, Oh Come Emanuel  
El Condor Pasa  
Have Courage, My Boy, to Say No  
Oh, How Lovely Was the Morning  
One in Christ  
Reubeneseque (Violin Solo)  
Silent Night  
Sweet Is the Peace the Gospel Brings  
The Lord My Pasture Will Prepare  
The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers  
The Quilting Party  
The Spirit of God  
Write Your History

## Vocal Solos

Don't Say Goodby  
Farmington, My Farmington  
Frustration  
I Could Have Loved You  
I Want You Here  
I'll Love You Forever  
In Your Countenance  
Let Freedom Ring  
Mary's Love  
One Mind, One Heart  
The Love We Share  
Work, Work, Work

## Children's Songs

Draw Near unto Me  
I Like to Listen to the Prophet  
I Love America  
Let's Dance by the Firelight  
Mother Is My Dearest Friend  
My Father Guides Me  
Shepherd Boy  
We're Best Friends  
You Don't Have to