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Jimmy Jones, Director of Music, in memory of Sandra Shirley Eubanks

Christmastide



Solo Tr. S1 S2 A

Christina Rossetti

Tom Shelton
Traditional Irish melody

p

optional treble solo mp

Tr. Love came down at Christ - mas, Love all love - ly,

sim.

Tr. Love Di - vine; Love was born at Christ - mas; star and an - gels

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12 **Slightly slower**

Tr. *gave the sign.*

Slightly slower

mp

15

S1 *Christ-mas hath a dark-ness Bright-er than the blaz-ing noon,*

A *oo*

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S1 *Christ-mas hath a chill-ness Warm-er than the heat of June, Christ-mas hath a beau-ty*

A *oo*

mf

22

S1 *mp* *rit.*
 Love-lier than the world can show; For Christ-mas bring-eth Je - sus, Brought for us so

A (oo) oo

25

Tr. *Tempo I* *mf*
 Wor - ship we the God - head, Love In - car - nate, Love Di - vine;

S1 *low.*

A

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Tempo I *mf*

29

Tr. *rit.*
 Wor - ship we our Je - sus: But where - with for sa - cred

rit.

Slightly slower

33

Tr. sign?

mf

S1 Earth, strike up your mu - sic, Birds that sing and bells that ring;

mf

S2 Earth, strike up your mu - sic, bells that ring;

mf

A Mu - sic, Birds sing, bells that ring;

Slightly slower

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S1 Heav'n hath an-swr'ing mu - sic For all An-gels soon to sing: Earth, put on your whit - est

f

S2 Heav'n hath an-swr'ing mu - sic, soon to sing: Earth, put on your whit - est

A Mu - sic, An - gels soon to sing: Whit - est

poco rit..... **A little slower**

38

S1
Bri-dal robe of spot-less snow: For Christ-mas bring-eth Je - sus, Brought for us so

S2
Bri - dal robe Christ - mas bring-eth, Brought for us so

A
Bri - dal robe Christ - mas, Brought for us so

poco rit..... **A little slower**

Tempo I
mf

41

Tr.
Love shall be our to - ken, Love be yours_ and_

S1
low.

S2
low.

A
low.

Tempo I

44

Tr. love be mine, Love to God and

46

Tr. all men, Love for plea and gift and

49 *solo soprano*

S Love All

Tr. sign. Love all love - ly,

S1 *f* Love came down at Christ - mas, Love all love - ly,

S2 *f* Love came down at Christ - mas, Love all love - ly,

A *f* Love came down at Christ - mas, Love all love - ly,

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S Love Di - vine Love

Tr. Love Di - vine; Love was born at Christ - mas;

S1 Love Di - vine; Love was born at Christ - mas;

S2 Love Di - vine; Love was born at Christ - mas;

A Love Di - vine; Love was born at Christ - mas;

55

S *poco rit.* *mf* *rubato* Earth, put on your whit - est

Tr. star and an - gels gave the sign.

S1 star and an - gels gave the sign.

S2 star and an - gels gave the sign.

A star and an - gels gave the sign.

poco rit. *mf* *rubato*

58 *rit.* **Freely**

S Bri-dal robe of spot-less snow. For Christ-mas bring-eth Je-sus, Brought for us so

mp **Freely**

61 **Tempo I** *mf*

S low. Love came down at

Tr. Love came down at

S1 Love came down at Christ mas. *mp*

S2 Love came down at Christ - mas,

A Love came down at Christ - mas, *mp*

Tempo I *mp*

63

S *mp*
Christ - mas, at Christ - mas, at

Tr.
Christ - mas,

S1 *p*
Love came

S2 *p*
Love came down at Christ - mas.

A *p*
Love came down at Christ - mas.

65

S
Christ - mas.

Tr. *mp*
Love came down at Christ-mas, Brought for us so low.

S1
Christ - mas.

A