

CAROLS  
SA and piano

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THE COLOURS  
OF CHRISTMAS

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# The Colours of Christmas

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Tenderly flowing, with flexibility ♩ = 92

**ALTOS**  
*mp semplice*

VOICES

PIANO

*p dolce, semplice*

Green for the

6

**SOPRANOS**  
*mp semplice*

i - vy that grows by the wall, White for the mis-tle-toe that

11

**ALTOS**  
*poco cresc.* *mf*

hangs in the hall; Red for the berries that shine in the

*poco cresc.* *mp*

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SOPRANOS  
*mp*

snow, Orange and yellow for morning's first glow.

*p*

21

**A** Poco più mosso ♩ = 108

S. These are the colours of Christmas:— Let them shine all

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*mp warmly*

26

ov - er the earth;— These are the colours of

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*mp*

31

*poco a poco rall.*

*mp* hap - pi - ness: \_\_\_\_\_ The joy of a new ba - by's

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*poco a poco rall.*

*p*

**B**

**Tempo I** ♩ = 92

35

(S. and A.)

**ALTOS** *mp*

birth. \_\_\_\_\_ Blue for the robe of his mo - ther so

*mp*

*p*

40

**SOPRANOS**

*mp*

mild, Gold for the pre - cious gifts they brought to the

44 **ALTOS**  
*mp cresc.* *mf*

child; Sil - ver the star - light to shine through your

48 *, mp*

S. And a rain - bow for all the sweet dreams you will

A. *, mp*  
sleep; And a rain - bow for all the sweet dreams you will

*p espress.*

52 **C** **Più mosso (tempo di valse)**  
*mf*

keep. These are the col - ours of Christ - mas:—

*mf*  
keep. These are the col - ours of Christ - mas:—

**C** **Più mosso (tempo di valse)**  
*mf*

56 *f*

Let them shine all ov - er the earth;

Let them shine all ov - er the earth;

60 (S. and A.) *mf*

These are the col - ours of hap - pi - ness:—

*mp*

64

S. The joy of a new ba - by's birth.

A. The joy of a new ba - by's birth.

*mf*

68

*molto rall.*

**D** Tempo I ♩ = 92

*mp*  
Blue for the robe of his mother so

*molto rall.* **D** Tempo I ♩ = 92  
*p*

72

SOPRANOS

*mf*

mild, Gold for the precious gifts they brought to the

*mp*

76

S. *mp* child; Sil - ver the star - light to shine through your *mf*

A. *mp* Sil - ver the star - light to shine through your *mf*

*p* *mp*

**Poco meno mosso** ♩ = 80

80 *p*  
 sleep, And a rain - bow for all the sweet dreams

sleep, And a rain - bow for all the sweet dreams

**Poco meno mosso** ♩ = 80

*p dolce*  
*una corda* *Ped.*

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84 **rall.**  
*dim.*

**Poco lento al fine**  
*pp*

— you will keep.

*dim.* *pp*  
 — you will keep.

**rall.**

**Poco lento al fine**

*dim.* *pp*

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