

# **Christmas Day**

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**for choir, piano and optional percussion**

**commissioned under the RTÉ Lyric fm  
Composer in Residence scheme**

**poem by Gabriel Fitzmaurice**

*Information on Optional Percussion Part:*

*A single triangle line is notated throughout*

*This part could easily be played by 1, 2, even up to 3 children, playing 1, 2 or even 3 different sized triangles (preferably suspended). Feel free to explore this.*

*The most important thing though, is to stick with the notated rhythm.*

*Other similar sounding instruments could also be used - sleigh bells, finger cymbals, Indian bells (i.e sounds that are quiet and can sustain/ring on)*

*You could use different sets of metal instruments for different sections of the piece*

# Christmas Day

The North Pole wind begins to blow  
And with it comes the snow! the snow!  
The grass is white, it's starchy-clean,  
The whitest white I've ever seen;

Dad complains of ice and cold  
(If you don't like the snow you're old);  
The trees and thorns are ice-cream white,  
Stars are diamonds in the night;

The turkey's plucked  
The pudding's plummed,  
Christmas cards  
Are stamped and gummed;

I can't wait for Santa  
Who comes to good and bold kids too  
For Christmas is the time of year  
That makes you good, oh! I could cheer

Dad complains of ice and cold  
(If you don't like the snow you're old);  
The trees and thorns are ice-cream white,  
Stars are diamonds in the night;

For when it comes  
To Christmas Day  
We show our toys  
And play and play.

Snow, the snow, the snow/I could cheer/Snow, the snow, the snow  
Christmas Day/Play and play and play

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With excitement! ♩ = 88

Choir

Triangle *optional* *mf* (let ring)

Piano *mf*  
use a little pedal

Choir *mf*  
The North Pole wind be- gins\_ to blow And

Tri.

Pno.

Choir  
with it comes the snow! the snow! The grass is white, it's star\_ chy clean, The

Tri.

Pno.

Choir  
whit-est white I've ev - er seen; Dad com-plains of ice\_ and cold, If

Tri.

Pno. *p*

10

Choir *mf*  
you don't like the snow you're old; The trees and thorns are ice - cream white,

Tri. *p* *mf*

Pno. *mf*

12

Choir **A**  
Stars are dia-monds in the night; The Tur - key's plucked,

Tri.

Pno.

14

Choir  
the pud - ding's plummed Christ - mas cards

Tri.

Pno.

16

Choir  
are stamped and gummed

Tri.

Pno.

19 **B** Softer *p*

Choir *p*  
I can't wait for San - ta who Comes to good and bold kids too For

Tri. *p*

Pno. *p*

21

Choir  
Christ - mas is the time of year That makes you good, oh! I could cheer

Tri.

Pno.

23 *mf* *p* *mf*

Choir *mf*  
Dad com-plains of ice and cold If you don't like the snow you're old; The

Tri. *mf* *p* *mf*

Pno. *mf* *p* *mf*

25

Choir  
trees and thorns are ice - cream white, Stars are dia-monds in the night

Tri.

Pno.

27 *f*

Choir

Tri.

Pno.

For when it comes to Christ - mas Day

29

Choir

Tri.

Pno.

We show our toys and play\_ and play

31 **C** *f* Divisi

Choir

Tri.

Pno.

I could cheer

Snow the snow the snow Snow the snow the snow Christ mas

34

Choir

Tri.

Pno.

Play and play and play Day

Day, Christ mas Day

*f* *pp*