

stars of wonder

Christmas Carol
for RTÉ lyric fm

by Linda Buckley

based on a poem by
Gabriel Fitzmaurice

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Gabriel Fitzmaurice
CAROL

A hearty fire
Piled winter-high,
Stars of wonder
In the sky;

Turn out the lights,
The Christmas tree
Has light enough
For all to see;

And in the darkness
All aglow
We share this night
From long ago

With men and women
Of good will,
The child within us
Godlike still,

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Godlike still.

Performance notes:

For SS (A) optional with piano

Percussion line optional - could use small vibraphone/glockenspiel, or tuned chime bars with the pitches indicated.

Tempo is a guide only - feel free to experiment with faster or slower versions

Also can explore dynamics, crescendi, diminuendi etc at your discretion

Harmony lines should be soft, to allow for melody to shine through.

Score

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Soprano 1
mp A hear ty fire piled win-ter high, Stars of won-der in the sky; Turn out the lights, the

Soprano 2
p Ah

Alto
p Ah

Vibraphone

Piano

S 1
13
Christ-mas tree has light e - nough for all to see; *mf* And in the dark-ness all a - glow we share this

S 2
Ah

A

Vib.
13

Pno.
13

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6
25

S 1
night from long a - go With men and wo-men of good will, The child with - in us God-like still, The

S 2
- - - - -

A
- - - - -

Vib.
25

Pno.
25

38

S 1
child with - in us God-like still. *mp* Stars - of _____ won - der Turn__

S 2
- - - - - *mf* A hear ty fire piled win-ter high, Stars of won-der in the sky; Turn

A
- - - - - *p* Stars - of _____ won - der Turn__

Vib.
38
mp

Pno.
38
mp *legato*

52

S 1
out the light in dark

S 2
out the lights, the Christ-mas tree has light e - nough for all to see; And in the dark-ness all a -

A
out the light in dark

Vib.

Pno.

64

S 1
all glow good will God - like

S 2
glow we share this night from long a - go With men and wo-men of good will, The child with - in us

A
all glow good will God - like

Vib.

Pno.

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8
76

The musical score consists of five staves. The vocal parts (S1, S2, A) are in treble clef. S1 and A have lyrics: "still" and "still". S2 has lyrics: "God - like still, The child with - in us God - like still." The Vib. part is in treble clef and features a series of chords. The Pno. part is in grand staff (treble and bass clefs) and features a series of chords. The score is marked with a rehearsal mark 76 at the beginning of each staff.