

Christmas Hath a Darkness

*for solo voice or SATB chorus,
with or without piano accompaniment*

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Duration: ca. 2:00

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Note: This carol can be performed three different ways:

1. SATB chorus a cappella
2. SATB chorus with piano accompaniment
1. Soprano or tenor soloist (or unison voices) singing the Soprano part, with piano accompaniment

Warmly (♩ = ca. 76)
mp

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

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

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

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

PIANO
mp

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5 Slight ten.

S. Christ - mas hath a chill - ness Warm - er than the heat of June,

A. *p* *mp* ah a chill - ness Warm - er than the heat of June,

T. *p* *p* *mp* ah a chill - ness Warm - er than the heat of June,

B. *p* *mp* ah a chill - ness Warm - er than the heat of June,

PNO. Slight ten.

9 Slight rit. Poco ten.

S. *p* *mp* Christ - mas hath a beau - ty Love - lier than the world can show:

A. *p* *mp* ah a beau - ty Love - lier than the world can show:

T. *p* *mp* ah a beau - ty ah the world can show:—

B. *p* *mp* Christ - mas hath a beau - ty Love - lier than the world can show:

PNO. Slight rit. Poco ten.

13 **A tempo** **Slight rit.** **Slight ten.** **A tempo**

S. For Christ-mas bring - eth Je - sus, Brought for us so low.

A. For Christ-mas bring - eth Je - sus, Brought so low.

T. For Christ-mas bring - eth Je - sus, Brought so low.

B. For Christ-mas bring - eth Je - sus, Brought so low.

PNO.

17 **mp** **Slight rit.** **Slight ten.** **A tempo**

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

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

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

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

PNO.