

For Margaret and Sherry
Beautiful December

SAB Chorus and Piano*

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Ranges: Soprano I Alto Baritone



(1) Simply $\text{d} = 58$

The first system begins with a treble clef, two sharps, and a common time signature. The vocal parts enter with eighth-note patterns. The piano accompaniment consists of eighth-note chords. Dynamics include *mp*, *poco accel.*, and *mf*.

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The second system continues with the same instrumentation and key signature. The vocal parts sing "Now, when the" and "Here, where the". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with eighth-note chords. The vocal entries are labeled S, A, and B, each with *mp a tempo*.

The third system concludes with a treble clef, two sharps, and a common time signature. The vocal parts sing "Now, when the" and "Here, where the". The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern with eighth notes. The vocal entries are labeled S, A, and B, each with *mp a tempo*. The section ends with a dynamic marking *rit.*

Duration: approx. 2:50

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gar - den a - waits the re - turn of spring,
snow is as soft as a wool - ly lamb,

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snow is as soft as a wool - ly lamb,

Bassoon part (measures 8-10):

11

1x: 2x:
 (2) (4)

now, here, when the si - lence is deep and blue,
where the night - fall is deep and blue,

now, here, when the si - lence is deep and blue,
where the night - fall is deep and blue,

mp

f

Now, Here, when the si - lence is deep and blue,
where the night - fall is deep and blue,

Bassoon part (measures 11-13):

14

mf

now, here, when the winter has cast her
mf
 now, here, when the winter has cast her
mf
 now, here, when the winter has cast her

17

mp

spell reach a - gain, for them, beau - ti - ful De - cem - ber,
mp
 spell reach a - gain, for them, beau - ti - ful De - cem - ber,
mp
 spell reach a - gain, for them, beau - ti - ful De - cem - ber,

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(3) (5)

1. 2.

beau - ti - ful De - cem - ber. cem - ber.

beau - ti - ful De - cem - ber. cem - ber.

beau - ti - ful De - cem - ber. cem - ber.

1. 2.

24

mf

Child, may you sleep in gen - tle

mf

Child, may you sleep _____ in

mf

Child, may you sleep in

27

peace to - night, dream of songs that
cresc.

peace to - night, dream of songs that
cresc.

peace to - night, dream,

30

(6) *f*

poco rit.

rise on silk - en wings!

f

poco rit.

rise on silk - en wings!

f

poco rit.

rise on silk - en wings!

f

poco rit.