Foreword

Having served in music ministry settings for many years, I have had trumpet players repeatedly tell me that their instrument is the most sacred of all orchestral instruments because of its frequent mention in the Bible. I’m not sure how valid that perspective is, but there certainly is no way to discount the frequency with which the trumpet is mentioned throughout scripture (think Old Testament worship, walls of Jericho, the sounding of the trumpet when Christ returns, and so on!).

So… it seemed to make perfect sense to provide a resource for Christmas that utilizes and features the trumpet. The versatility of the instrument from warm and reflective tones to bold and majestic proclamations provides a perfect vehicle for recalling and celebrating the birth of Jesus. And though scripture does not record it, the pronouncement to shepherds about the birth of Jesus on a remote Judean hillside could very well have been accompanied by the regal sounds of the trumpet, it seems to me.

This collection contains a variety of carol settings designed to enhance Christmas worship or concerts. Invite the trumpet soloist and accompanist in your world to warm up their instruments and celebrate the birth of Jesus with their musical gifts!

- Lloyd Larson

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O Come, Little Children

Gentle, steady tempo ♩ = ca. 60

Arranged with New Music by Lloyd Larson
Traditional German Carol

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Noel Festival

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

NOËL NOUVELET, Traditional French Carol
AFRICAN NOEL, Traditional African Folksong
THE FIRST NOEL, Traditional English Carol

Triumphantly \( \frac{8}{4} = \text{ca. 88} \)

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See, Amid the Winter’s Snow

Arranged by Lloyd Larson
Tune: HUMILITY
Music by John Goss
Quoting ADESTE FIDELES
from John F. Wade’s Cantus Diversi, 1751

Tenderly, expressively \( \frac{\text{\textbullet}}{\text{\textbullet}} = \text{ca. 80} \)

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Pat-a-Pan

Arranged with New Music by
Lloyd Larson
Traditional French Carol

Buoyantly \( \frac{d}{=} \text{ ca. 84} \)

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Behold that Star!

Arranged by Lloyd Larson
Music by Thomas W. Talley
Quoting KINGS OF ORIENT
by John H. Hopkins, Jr.

Slowly, freely \( \mathbf{\text{\( \frac{\text{d}}{} \)} = \text{ca. 88} \)}

Joyously \( \mathbf{\text{\( \frac{\text{d}}{} \)} = \text{ca. 120} \)}

\( \mathbf{\text{\( \frac{\text{d}}{} \)} = \text{ca. 120} \)}

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Tidings of Joy!

*Ding Dong! Merrily on High / Ukrainian Bell Carol /
*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Festively \( \dot{\frac{1}{4}} = \text{ca. 72} \)

Arranged by

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