

Foreword

From the rollicking fun of “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” to the gentle hush of “Still, Still, Still,” this versatile collection offers fresh harmonies and wonderfully creative settings of carol favorites. Piano students, teachers, congregations, and listeners in any setting will be entertained and touched by the interesting (and sometimes jazzy) harmonies and unexpected progressions that hallmark Robert Thygerson’s style. This is one of those rare sequels that in every way equals its predecessor (Volume 1, “Joy to the World,” 70/1101L). Both volumes will add great pleasure to any pianist’s library.

— The Publisher

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A Trilogy for Christmas

Robert W. Thygerson

*Based on TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM (1582),
IL EST NÉ (18th century), and
IHR KINDERLEIN, KOMMET (18th century)*

Playfully $\text{♩} = 112$

Smoothly

Firmly

The image shows six staves of musical notation for piano, arranged vertically. The first two staves are in common time, B-flat major, with a dynamic of *mp*. The third staff begins with a dynamic of *mf* and is labeled *detached*. The fourth staff starts with *f* and includes a performance instruction *With vigor*. The fifth staff continues the dynamic *f*. The sixth staff begins with a dynamic of *p* and is labeled *Lightly*.

Musical score for piano, page 5, featuring six staves of music:

- Staff 1:** Treble and Bass staves. Dynamics: **f**, **mp**, **mf**.
- Staff 2:** Treble and Bass staves. Shows harmonic progression through various chords.
- Staff 3:** Treble and Bass staves. Features eighth-note patterns.
- Staff 4:** Treble and Bass staves. Dynamics: **mf**, **f**, **ff**.
- Staff 5:** Treble and Bass staves. Mix of eighth and sixteenth notes.
- Staff 6:** Treble and Bass staves. Dynamics: **mp**, **p**, **5**, **pp**.