

TO DR. SINCLAIR AND THE CHORISTERS OF HEREFORD CATHEDRAL,
WRITTEN FOR THEIR CAROL CONCERT, 1907.

A CHRISTMAS GREETING

FOR TWO SOPRANOS (SOLI OR CHORUS), WITH ACCOMPANIMENT FOR TWO VIOLINS
AND PIANOFORTE

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COMPOSED BY EDWARD ELGAR, Op. 52.

PRELUDE (*ad. lib.*).

Andante.

I. Sopranos

II.

A

B

C *Allegretto.*

Piano

mf

Bowered on slo - ping

D

hill-sides rise In sun-ny glow, the pur-pling vine;

mf

Be - neath the grey-er

mf

En-lish skies, In fair ar-ray, the red-gold ap - - ples shine. -

cres.

dim.

p

To

E

those in snow,

mf

To those in sun,

f

Love is but one;

f

Love is but one; -

F *p*

Hearts beat and glow, Friends, - - - in storm or

dim. *p*

By oak or palm, - Friends, - - - in storm or

G *mf*

calm. - - - On and on - old

Piano

calm. - - -

Ti - ber speeds, - Dark with the weight of an - cient crime; - *mf*

Far

H

north, thro' green and qui-et meads, *cres.* Flows on the Wye in mist and sil - v'ring *dim.*

J *mf* *f*

To those in snow, Love is but one; -

p *mf* *f*

rime. - To those in sun, Love is but one; -

K *p*

Hearts beat and glow, Friends, - in

dim. *p*

By oak or palm, - Friends, - in

L *rit.*

storm or calm. - - - storm or calm. - - -

Piano

a tempo **p**

The pif - fe - ra - ri wan-der

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Piano

M *cres.*

far, - - They seek the shrines, - and hymn the peace Which

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f

her - ald an - - gels, 'neath the star, Fore - told - - to

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O *dim.* **p** *rit.*

shep - herds, - - bid - ding strife - to cease, - -

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P **pp** *poco accel.*

- bid - ding strife - - to cease. - -

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* where there are two notes in the 2nd soprano part
Elgar wrote the higher part in small notes.

Q *f* *dim.*
Bells, sad-ly sweet, knell

a tempo
Our Eng-land sleeps- in shroud of snow,

R *p* *mf*
life's swift flight, - As 'No-el! No-el!'

p *mf*
And tears, un-bid, - are wont to flow, As 'No-el! No-el!'

S *f* *p*
sounds, a cross - - the night. - - To those in snow,

f *p* *cres.*
sounds, a cross - - the night. - To those in sun,

T *f* *dim.* *p*
love is but one; - Hearts beat and glow, Friends, -

f *dim.* *p*
Love is but one; - By oak or palm, - Friends, -

U *rit.* *a tempo*
Friends, - in storm or calm. - -

** rit.* *a tempo*
Friends, - in storm or calm. - -