

Full Score

# This Night is the Long Night

for solo soprano, SATB choir and string trio

Music by  
Donald Wetherick

Words  
Gaelic traditional, trans. A. Carmichael

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## Christmas Carol

This night is the long night,  
Hu ri vi ho hu,  
It will snow and it will drift,  
Hu ri vi ho hu,  
White snow there will be till day,  
Hu ri vi ho hu,  
White moon there will be till morn,  
Hu ri vi ho hu.  
This night is the eve of the Great Nativity,  
Hu ri vi ho hu,  
This night is born Mary Virgin's Son,  
Hu ri vi ho hu,  
This night is born Jesus, Son of the King of glory,  
Hu ri vi ho hu,  
This night is born to us the root of our joy,  
Hu ri vi ho hu,  
This night gleamed the sun of the mountains high,  
Hu ri vi ho hu,  
This night gleamed the sea and shore together,  
Hu ri vi ho hu,  
This night was born Christ the King of greatness,  
Hu ri vi ho hu.  
Ere it was heard that the Glory was come,  
Hu ri vi ho hu,  
Heard was the wave upon the strand,  
Hu ri vi ho hu;  
Ere 'twas heard that his foot had reached the earth,  
Hu ri vi ho hu,  
Heard was the song of the angels glorious,  
Hu ri vi ho hu.  
This night is the long night,  
Hu ri vi ho hu.

Glowed to him wood and tree,  
Glowed to him mount and sea,  
Glowed to him land and plain,  
When that His foot was come to earth.

*Carmina Gaedelica*, Alexander Carmichael (Edinburgh: Floris Classics)

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Approximate performance time: 4' 30"

A vocal score with piano accompaniment is also available.  
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Moderato ♩ = 54

Solo Soprano

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Violin

Viola

Cello

*p legato*



10

Solo S.

Vln.

Vla.

Vlc.

*p*

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**A**  
*mp* 20

Solo S. *mp*  
This night is the long night, It will snow \_\_\_ and it will drift.

Vln. *p*

Vla. *p*

Vlc. *p*



Solo S.  
White snow there will be till day, White moon \_\_\_ there will be till

Vln. *cresc.*

Vla. *cresc.*

Vlc. *cresc.*



30

Solo S. *morn'.*  
*espress.*

Vln. *mf* 30  
*dim.*

Vla. *mf*  
*dim.*

Vlc. *mf*  
*dim.*

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**B** 4

**Solo S.**

**S.** *p* *cresc.* *mf*  
 This night is the eve of the great Na - ti - vi - ty, — This night — is born

**A.** *p* *cresc.* *mf*  
 This night is the eve of the great Na - ti - vi - ty, — This night — is born

**T.** *p* *cresc.* *mf*  
 This night is the eve of the great Na - ti - vi - ty, — This night is born

**B.** *p* *cresc.* *mf*  
 This night is the eve of the great Na - ti - vi - ty, — This night is born

**Vln.** *p* *mf*

**Vla.** *p* *mf*

**Vlc.** *p* *cresc.* *mf*

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**Solo S.**

**S.** *cresc.* *f* *cresc.*  
 Ma - ry Vir - gin's Son, This night — is born — Christ the King of

**A.** *cresc.* *f* *cresc.*  
 Ma - ry Vir - gin's Son, This night is born Christ the King of

**T.** *cresc.* *f* *cresc.*  
 Ma - ry Vir - gin's Son, This night — is born — Christ the King of

**B.** *cresc.* *f* *cresc.*  
 Ma - ry Vir - gin's Son, This night is born Christ the King of

**Vln.** *f* *cresc.*

**Vla.** *f* *cresc.*

**Vlc.** *cresc.* *f* *cresc.*

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**C**  
*p*

Solo S. *p*  
This night is born to us the root of our joy. —

S  
A  
T  
B  
glo - ry! —

Vln. *ff*  
Vla. *ff*  
Vlc. *ff*  
*dim.* *p*

Solo S. *50*

Vln. *50*  
*cresc.* *mf* *espress.* *mp*

Vla. *cresc.* *mf* *mp* *espress.*

Vlc. *cresc.* *mf* *mp*


Vln. *60*  
Vla. *p* *mp*  
Vlc. *p* *mp*

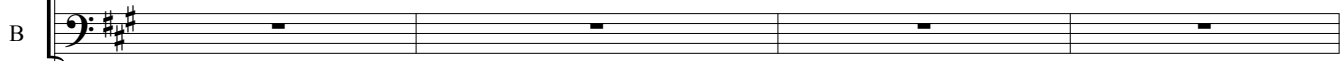
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D

*p*

A    
 This night\_ gleamed the Sun of the mount - ains high,


B 

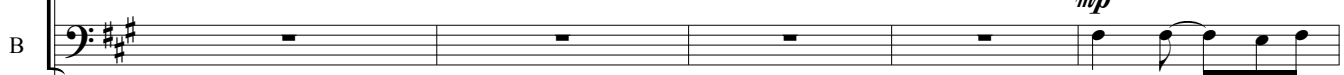
Vln.    
 *p*

Vla.    
 *p*

Vlc.    
 *p*



A    
 This night gleamed the sea andshore to - ge - ther,


B    
 *mp*

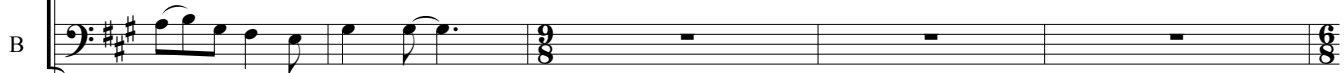
Vln.    
 *cresc.* *mp*

Vla.    
 *cresc.* *mp*


Vlc.    
 *cresc.* *mp*



A    
 *mf*

B    
 *mf*

Christ the King of great - ness.

Vln.    
 *cresc.* *mf* *dim.*

Vla.    
 *cresc.* *mf* *dim.*

Vlc.    
 *cresc.* *mf* *dim.*



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E

Solo S. Heard was the wave upon the strand.

S. Ere it was heard that the glo-ry was come,

A. Ere it was heard that the glo-ry was come,

T. Ere it was heard that the glo-ry was come,

B. Ere it was heard that the glo-ry was come,

Vln. *p* *f*

Vla. *p* *f*

Vlc. *p* *cresc.* *f*

Solo S. Heard was the song of the an-gels glo-ri-ous!

S. Ere it was heard that his foot had reached the earth,

A. Ere it was heard that his foot had reached the earth,

T. Ere it was heard that his foot had reached the earth,

B. Ere it was heard that his foot had reached the earth,

Vln. *ff*

Vla. *ff*

Vlc. *cresc.* *ff*

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8

Solo S. *p* <sup>90</sup>  
This night is the long night.

Vln. *dim.* *p* *mp*

Vla. *dim.* *p* *mp*

Vlc. *dim.* *p* *mp* *rit.*

Solo S. *pp* (like an echo)  
This night is the long night.

S *pp* (like an echo)  
This night is the long night.

Vln. *p* *rit.*

Vla. *p*

Vlc. *p*

**F** *Piu Lento* ♩ = 48 *mf*

S  
Glowed to him wood and tree, Glowed to him mount and sea, *mf*

A  
Glowed to him wood and tree, Glowed to him mount and sea, *mf*

T  
Glowed to him wood and tree, Glowed to him mount and sea, *mf*

B  
Glowed to him wood and tree, Glowed to him mount and sea, *mf*

Vln. *p* *pp* *cresc.* *mf* *cresc.*

Vla. *p* *pp* *cresc.* *mf* *cresc.*

Vlc. *p* *pp* *cresc.* *mf* *cresc.*

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Solo S. *Adagio*  $\text{♩} = 40$  *pp*  
When that his foot was come to earth.

S *f* *cresc.* *ff*  
Glowed to him — land and plain!

A *f* *cresc.* *ff*  
Glowed to him — land and plain!

T *f* *cresc.* *ff*  
Glowed to him — land and plain!

B *f* *cresc.* *ff*  
Glowed to him — land and plain!

Vln. *Adagio*  $\text{♩} = 40$  *pp* *colla voce*

Vla. *f* *ff* *pp* *colla voce*

Vlc. *f* *ff* *pp* *colla voce*

*f* *ff* *pp* *colla voce*

Solo S. *rit.* 110

S *pp*  
When that his foot was come to earth.

A *pp*  
When that his foot was come to earth.

T *pp*  
When that his foot was come to earth.

B *pp*  
When that his foot was come to earth.

Vln. *pp* *rit.* 110

Vla. *pp*

Vlc. *pp*

