

Christmas Hymn

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1983

a carol for mixed voices

Text by W. H. Auden
(1907-1974)

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Choral Score

CH-1040

for Charlotte
CHRISTMAS HYMN

Text by W. H. Auden (1907-1974)
from *For the Time Being**

music by **RODNEY LISTER**

Slowish - quiet and intense

p 2 3 4 5 3

Re - leased by Love from i - so - la - ting wrong, Let us for Love u -

f *mp* 6 7 8 9 10 3

nite our var - ious song, Each with his gift ac - cord - ing to his kind -

p *warm* 11 12 13 14 15 16 *poco ritard.* *piu p*

Bring - ing this child his bod - y and his mind, his mind.

p *warm* *poco ritard.* *piu p*

Somerville
December 10, 1988

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from *For the Time Being* (altered)

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Slowish - quiet and intense

Re - leased by Love from i - so - la - ting wrong, — Let us for Love u -

nite our var - ious song, — All with our gifts ac - cord - ing to our kind

Bring - ing this child our bod - ies and our minds, — our minds. —

p *f* *mp* *warm* *poco ritard.* *piu p*

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Christmas Hymn is presented here in two versions, the first using Auden's original text, while the second uses a slightly altered text which is more inclusive and is transposed to a lower key. *Christmas Hymn* is ideal as an invitational carol, introit or an orison during Christmastide.

Christmas Hymn

Released by Love from isolating wrong
Let us for Love unite our various songs
Each with his gift according to his kind
Bringing this child his body and his mind.

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