



The Very Best Time of Year John Rutter

♪ Niveau 60/100 (Gevorderd)

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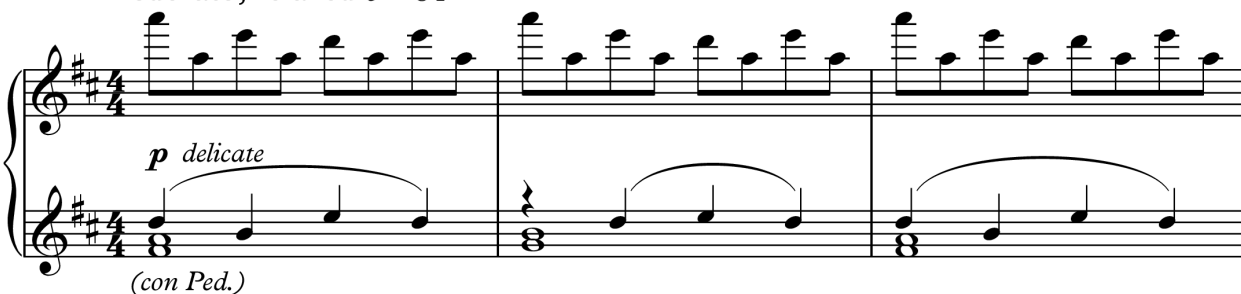
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Moderato, relaxed ♩ = 84

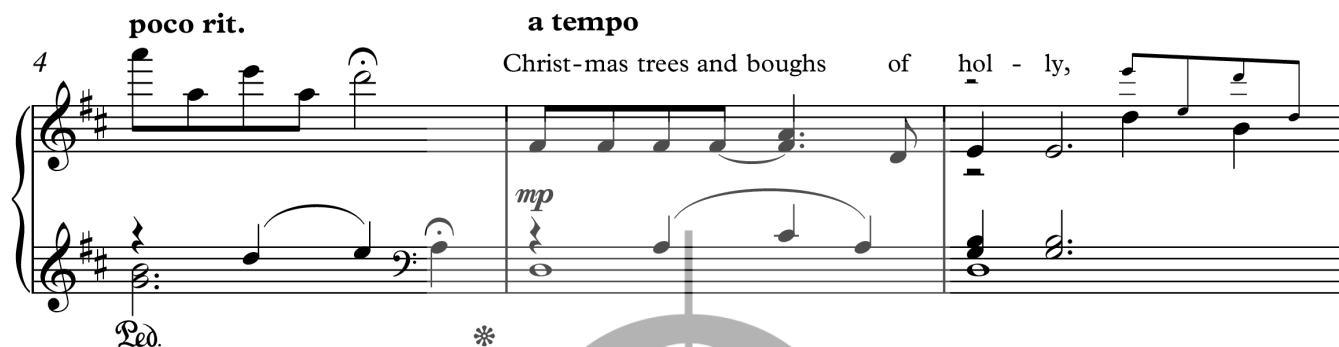
Piano



p delicate
(con Ped.)

The piano introduction consists of two staves in 4/4 time. The right hand plays a steady eighth-note melody, while the left hand plays a simple harmonic accompaniment. The tempo is Moderato, relaxed, with a quarter note equal to 84 beats per minute. The music is marked *p delicate* and includes a pedal point instruction (con Ped.).


4 **poco rit.** Christ-mas trees and boughs of hol - ly, **a tempo**



mp
Ped. *

Measures 4-6 of the piano accompaniment. The tempo changes from *poco rit.* to *a tempo*. The music is marked *mp* and includes a pedal point instruction (Ped.) and a fermata over the final note of measure 6.

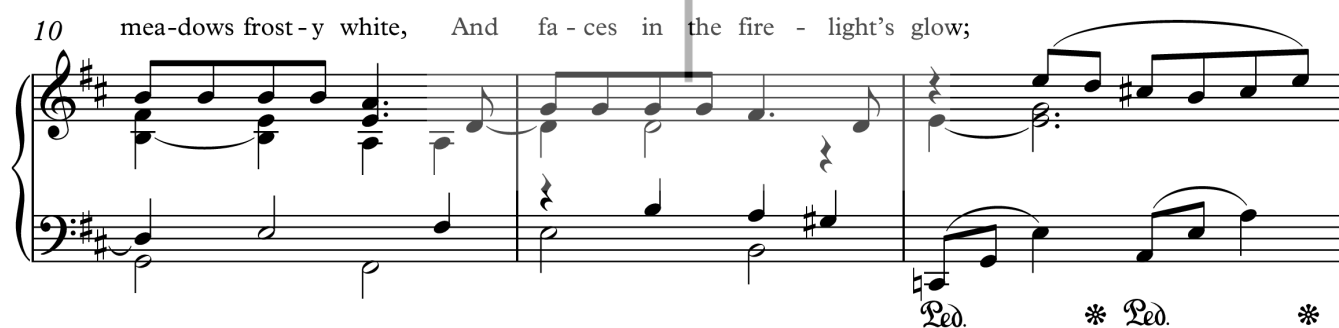
7 Yule-tide logs and mis - tie - toe; Can-dles burn-ing bright, and



mp
Ped. *

Measures 7-9 of the piano accompaniment. The music is marked *mp* and includes a pedal point instruction (Ped.) and a fermata over the final note of measure 9.

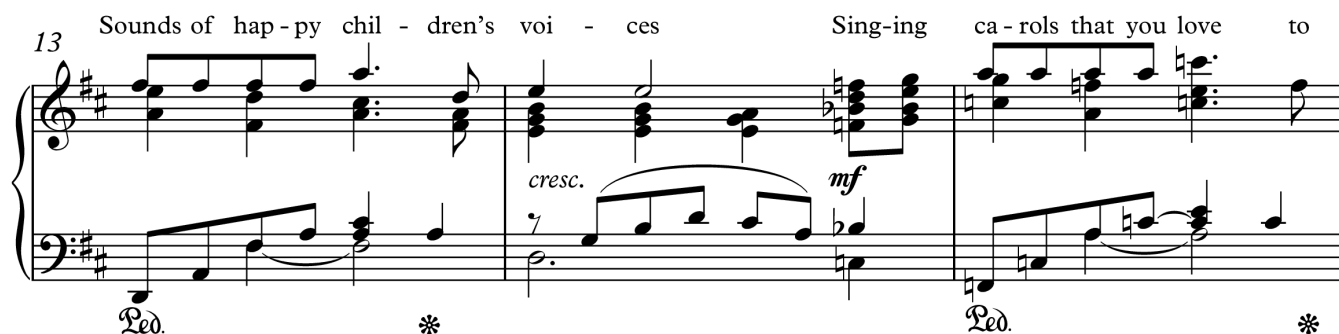
10 mea-dows frost-y white, And fa - ces in the fire - light's glow;



mp
Ped. * Ped. *

Measures 10-12 of the piano accompaniment. The music is marked *mp* and includes two pedal point instructions (Ped.) and fermatas over the final notes of measures 11 and 12.

13 Sounds of hap - py chil - dren's voi - ces Sing-ing ca - rols that you love to



cresc. mf
Ped. *

Measures 13-15 of the piano accompaniment. The music is marked *cresc.* and *mf*, and includes a pedal point instruction (Ped.) and a fermata over the final note of measure 15.