

Make a Wish for Me on Christmas was completed on March 7, 2000 in Vancouver, B. C. The duration of this composition is approximately three minutes.

Make a Wish for Me on Christmas

Light the fire, outside it's snowing
strike a match, the kindling's going.
Safe inside despite the weather
Christmas time and we're together.
'Round the hearth we nestle cozy
Make a toast or sing a song.
Sleepy cheeks are getting rosy
Sweetly dreaming all night long.

Stories told of past Decembers
special times that we remember.
Smiling faces, games and laughter
home made treats to nibble after.
Christmas Eve, is Santa coming?
Creaking stairs— the children hide.
Filling stockings as he's humming.
They're amazed and starry-eyed.

Make a wish for me on Christmas
Make a wish for us on Christmas.
In your heart you'll know the choices
many hopes from many voices.
Fam'ly gath'rings give us pleasure
twinkling candles cast a spell.
Those you love, a cherished treasure,
love and peace— it is noel.

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Stephen Chatman (b. 1950) is a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory (B.M.) and the University of Michigan (D.M.A.). He is the recipient of numerous awards in composition including a Fulbright Grant, three BMI Prizes, an M. B. Rockefeller Fund grant, and the Charles Ives Scholarship from the U.S. National Institute of Arts and Letters. He has received many commissions through the Canada Council and the CBC, including works for the Toronto, Edmonton, and Vancouver symphonies, CBC Radio Orchestra, Montreal's SMCQ, Vancouver New Music, Verdehr Trio, pianists Jane Coop and Marc-André Hamelin, contralto Maureen Forrester, the Eckhardt-Gramatté Competition, Vancouver Chamber Choir, Vancouver Cantata Singers, Vancouver Phoenix Chamber Choir, Karen Jamieson Dance Company, Association of Canadian Choral Conductors, and the Banff Centre School of Fine Arts. Selections of his music are recorded on CRI, Centredisc, and CBC Records. Mr. Chatman's more than fifty published choral works are widely performed and his orchestral compositions have been performed recently by the BBC Symphony Orchestra, Berlin Radio Orchestra, Seoul, Sydney, San Francisco, Winnipeg, St. Louis, Calgary, Detroit, Dallas, and New World symphonies. Currently, he is Professor of Composition at the University of British Columbia School of Music in Vancouver, Canada.

Tara Wohlberg

Tara Wohlberg, born in Saskatchewan, Canada, received a Bachelor of Music Degree from Manitoba's Brandon University and a Masters in Music Criticism from London (UK) City University. She is an active piano adjudicator while writing both critically and creatively. Her lyrics have been published by Highgate Press in other compositions by Stephen Chatman. Finalist in the City of Westminster (UK) Poetry Competition and a freelance music critic, her work has been published in the *Globe and Mail*, *Vancouver Sun*, *Auteur*, *Opus Magazine*, *Keyboard Companion* and heard on CBC Radio. She also founded the *Collage Festival of Canadian Music*, held in Vancouver, Canada, where she has lived since 1994.

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for SAT Soli, SATB Chorus and Piano

Tara Wohlberg

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Not too slowly (♩ = c. 69-72)

mf 3

Soprano Alto

Light the fire, out-side it's snow-ing strike a

Tenor Bass

mf

Piano

mf

ped. *sim.*

5 7

match, the kind-ling's go-ing. Safe in-side de-spite the

8

poco rit. *a tempo*
p , *mp* ||

weath - er Christ - mas time and we're to - geth - er. 'Round the hearth we nes - tle

p , *mp*

a tempo
poco rit. *p* *mp*

12

cresc. *f* , *mp* 15 *rit.*

co - zy Make a toast or sing a song. Sleep - y cheeks are get - ting

cresc. *f* , *mp*

cresc. *f* *mp* *rit.*

16 *A little slower* (♩ = 66)

p *pp*

ros - y Sweet - ly dream - ing all night long.

A little slower (♩ = 66)

p *ten.*

20 *Tempo primo* (♩ = c. 69-72)

mf *22*

S Sto-ries told of past De - cem - bers spe - cial

A *mf* Sto-ries told of past De - cem - bers

T

B

Tempo primo (♩ = c. 69-72)

mf

24

times that we re - mem - ber. Smil - ing fac - es, games and
 spe - cial times that we re - mem - ber. Smil - ing fac - es,
 Smil - ing fac - es, games and
Baritones only f
 Smil - ing fac - es, games and

27

laugh - ter home made treats to nib - ble af - ter. Christ - mas
 games and laugh - ter treats to nib - ble on.
 laugh - ter treats to nib - ble on.
add Bases
 laugh - ter treats to nib - ble on.

30

Eve, is San - ta com - ing? Creak - ing stairs - the chil - dren

mf

Christ - mas Eve, is San - ta com - ing? Creak - ing stairs - the

p

p

A little slower
(♩ = 66)

33

hide. Fill - ing stock - ings as he's hum - ming. — They're a -

mp *rit.* *p*

chil - dren hide. Fill - ing stock - ings as he's hum - ming.

mp

Fill - ing stock - ings as he's hum - ming. —

mp

Fill - ing stock - ings as he's hum - ming.

mp *rit.*

A little slower
(♩ = 66)

36 Even slower

mazed and star-ry - eyed.
p
 They're a - mazed and star-ry - eyed.
pp
 star - ry - eyed.
ppz
 Baritones only
 star - ry - eyed.

Even slower

p *pp*

40 **Tempo primo** (♩ = c. 69-72) *mp cantabile* 43 *(sempre mp)*

S Solo
 Make a wish for me on Christ - mas *mp*

S
 Make a wish for us on *mp*

A
 Make a wish for us on *mp*

T
 Make a wish for us on *mp*

B
add Basses Make a wish for us on *mp*

Tempo primo (♩ = c. 69-72)

mp

45 *p* *mf cresc.* *(tutti)* *ff*

S Solo
S Christ - mas. In your heart you'll know the choic - es man - y

A *mf cresc.* *ff*
A Christ - mas. In your heart you'll know the choice man - y

T *mf cresc.* *ff*
T Christ - mas. In your heart you'll know the choic - es man - y

B *mf cresc.* *ff*
B Christ - mas. In your heart you'll know the choice man - y

48 *p* *50* *Solo(s) plea - sure cresc.*

S *p* *Solo(s) plea - sure cresc.*
S hopes from man - y voic - es. Fam' - ly gath' r - ings give us plea - sure twin - kling

A *p* *Solo(s) plea - sure cresc.*
A hopes from man - y voic - es. Fam' - ly gath' r - ings give us plea - sure twin - kling

T *p* *Solo(s) plea - sure cresc.*
T hopes from man - y voic - es. Fam' - ly gath' r - ings give us plea - sure twin - kling

B *p* *cresc.*
B hopes from man - y voic - es. Fam' - ly gath' r - ings give us plea - sure twin - kling

52 *f*, *mp* 54 *rit.*

can - dles cast a spell. Those you love, a cher - ished

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f, *mp* *rit.*

55 *p* *rit.* *ppp*

trea - sure, love and peace - it is no - el.

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p *ten.* *ppp*

p *rit.* *pp*

A little slower ($\text{♩} = 63$)

ten.

sim.