

The Colors of Christmas

for mixed choir, S.A.T.B., with piano or orchestra

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Tenderly flowing, with flexibility ♩ = 92

VOICES

ALTOS
mp semplice

Green for the

PIANO

p dolce, semplice

6

SOPRANOS
mp semplice

i - vy that grows by the wall, White for the mis-tle-toe that

11

ALTOS
poco cresc. *mf*

hangs in the hall; Red for the ber - ries that shine in the

poco cresc. *mp*

This carol is scored for 2 fl, ob, 2 cl, bsn, 2 hn, celesta (or pno), hp, str. Conductor's scores and instrumental parts are available for purchase from Hinshaw Music.

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16 **SOPRANOS**
mp

snow, O - range and yel - low for morn - ing's first glow.

p

21 **A** **Poco più mosso** ♩ = 108
SOPRANOS and ALTOS

mf These are the col - ors of Christ - mas:— *f* Let them shine all

mp warmly

26 *mf*

ov - er the earth;— These are the col - ors of

mp

31 *mp* **poco a poco rall.**

hap - pi-ness:— The joy of a new ba - by's birth.

p *mp*

[B] Tempo I ♩ = 92
mp dolce *p*

S. Blue for the robe of his mo-ther so mild, Hum_____

A. Blue for the robe of his mo-ther so mild, Hum_____

T. Hum_____ Gold for the

B. Hum_____ Gold for the

[B] Tempo I ♩ = 92

42 *mp cresc.*

Sil - ver the star - light to

mp cresc.

Sil - ver the star - light to

pre-cious gifts they brought to the child;

pre-cious gifts they brought to the child;

cresc.

47 *mf* *, mp*

shine through your sleep; And a rain - bow for all the sweet dreams you will

mf *, mp*

shine through your sleep; And a rain - bow for all the sweet dreams you will

p

Hum

p

Hum

mp *p espress.*

C Più mosso (tempo di valse)

52 *mf* *f*

keep. These are the col - ors of Christ - mas:— Let them

mf *f*

keep. These are the col - ors of Christ - mas:— Let them

mf *f*

— These are the col - ors of Christ - mas:— Let them

mf *f*

These are the col - ors of Christ - mas:— Let them

C Più mosso (tempo di valse)

mf

57

shine all ov - er the earth; _____

shine all ov - er the earth; _____

shine all ov - er the earth; _____ *mp* These are the

shine all ov - er the earth; _____ *mp* These are the

mp

62

mp The joy of a new ba - by's

mp The joy of a new ba - by's

col - ors of hap - pi - ness: _____

col - ors of hap - pi - ness: _____

67 *mf* **molto rall.** **D** **Tempo I** ♩ = 92 *mp*

birth. _____ Blue for the robe of his mo - ther so mild,

mf *mp*

birth. _____ Hum. _____ hum. _____

mp

Hum. _____

mp

Hum. _____ hum. _____

molto rall. **D** **Tempo I** ♩ = 92

mf *p*

73

Hum. _____ Sil - ver the

hum. _____

mf *mp*

Gold for the pre-cious gifts they brought to the child; hum. _____

mp *p*

78 *mf* *Poco meno mosso* ♩ = 80 *p*

star - light to shine through your sleep, And a rain - bow for all the sweet

And a rain - bow for all the sweet

p Hum.

1st BASSES *mp* *p* Hum.

mp *p dolce*

una corda

83 *rall. dim.* *Poco lento al fine* *pp*

dreams. you will keep.

dim. *pp*

dreams. you will keep.

dim. *pp*

dim. *pp*

2nd BASSES

rall. *Poco lento al fine* *pp*

dim.

pp

