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# Christmas Is the Harvest Time of Love

Helen Keller, 1880-1968  
adapt. Helen Kemp

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**Joyfully expressive** (♩ = 96)

*rit.* **mf** *a tempo*

Piano

**mf** *rit.* *a tempo*

Christ-mas is the har-vest time of

love. Christ-mas is the har-vest time of love.

Souls are drawn to oth - er souls, Souls are drawn to oth - er souls,

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked 'Joyfully expressive' with a quarter note equal to 96 beats per minute. The score is divided into three systems. The first system shows the vocal line starting with a rest, followed by the lyrics 'Christ-mas is the har-vest time of'. The piano accompaniment starts with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic and includes a ritardando (rit.) section. The second system continues the vocal line with 'love. Christ-mas is the har-vest time of love.' and features a piano accompaniment with a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The third system contains the lyrics 'Souls are drawn to oth - er souls, Souls are drawn to oth - er souls,' with a piano accompaniment that includes a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The score concludes with a final chord in the piano part.

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Christ-mas is the har-vest time of love.

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*rit.* *mf* *a tempo* *mp*

All that we have read, All that we have thought,

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*mf* *f*

All that we have read and thought and hoped for Comes to fru - i - tion at this

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*mf* *mp* *rit.*

hap - py time, this hap - py, hap - py time, this hap - py time of year.

21 *mf a tempo*

Christ-mas is the har-vest time of love. Christ-mas is the har-vest time of

*mf a tempo*

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love. Souls are drawn to oth-er souls, Souls are drawn to oth-er souls,

27 *with growing animation*

Christ-mas is the har-vest time of love. Our spir-its are a - stir, a -

*mf* *mp*

30 *p* *mf* *p*

stir, a - stir! We feel with - in a strong de - sire to serve, a

*p* *mf* *p*

33 *mf* *p* *mf*

strong de-sire to serve, a strange sub-tle force, a strange sub-tle force, a

36 *n.b.* *molto rit.*

new kind-ness an-i-mates man and child.

39 *mf a tempo*

Christ-mas is the har-vest time of love. Christ-mas is the har-vest time of

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love. Souls are drawn to oth-er souls, Souls are drawn to oth-er souls,