

The First Light of Christmas
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Two-part with piano



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Mark Burrows
incorporating "Angels We Have Heard on High"

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incorporating GLORIA, trad. French carol

Freely (♩ = ca. 104)

Piano *p*

5 With wonder (♩ = 120) *mp*

A time of cel - e - bra -

With wonder (♩ = 120) *mp*

The musical score is written for piano and voice. The piano part begins with a 'Freely' tempo marking and a quarter note equal to approximately 104 beats per minute. It is in 4/4 time and starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The vocal part enters at measure 5 with the tempo 'With wonder' (quarter note = 120) and a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The lyrics 'A time of cel - e - bra -' are written under the vocal line. The piano accompaniment for the vocal section features a steady eighth-note melody in the right hand and sustained chords in the left hand, also marked *mp*.

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I - tion, a time to find_ in

II *mp* A time for stars to shine,_ a time to find_ in

13

I hu - man-kind_ a spark of light di - vine.

II hu - man-kind_ a spark of light di - vine.

17 *mf*

I It's the first light_ of Christ - mas where the

II *mf* It's the first light_ of Christ - mas where the

mf

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20

I warmth and won - der starts. Oh, the first light_ of

II warmth and won - der starts. Oh, the first light_ of



23

I Christ-mas is the light of love_ we hold _____ in our

II Christ-mas is the light of love_ the light of love_ we hold in our



27

I hearts.

II hearts. A



42

I Christ - mas where the warmth and won - der starts. Oh, the

II Christ - mas where the warmth and won - der starts. Oh, the

45

I first light_ of Christ-mas is the light of love_ we hold

II first light_ of Christ-mas is the light of love, the light of love_ we

49

I in our hearts. An - gels we have

II hold in our hearts.

hold sustain pedal through m. 62

LH

mp

8vb

63 **Energetically**
mf

Glo -

66
ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

70
Glo -

Glo -

82

I first light_ of Christ-mas is the light of love_ we

II first light_ of Christ-mas is the light of love,_ the

85

I hold_____ in our hearts.

II light of love_ we hold in our hearts.

89

I In ex - cel - sis De - o!_____

II In ex - cel - sis De - o!_____