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Variations on a French Carol

(NOËL NOUVELET)

Christmas:

Sing We Now of Christmas

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Now the Green Blade Rises



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Handbells (2 octaves) and percussion (tambourine, wood block, and triangle)

2 octaves
Handbells used: 21

A musical staff showing two octaves of notes. The treble clef staff contains notes from G4 to G6, and the bass clef staff contains notes from G2 to G4. The notes are: G, A, B, C, D, E, F#, G, A, B, C, D, E, F#, G.

NOËL NOUVELET
Traditional French carol
arr. Dan R. Edwards

♩ = 112

The main musical score consists of four staves. The top staff is for Handbells (HB), with a treble and bass clef. It shows measures 1 through 7. The second staff is for Tambourine, the third for Wood block, and the fourth for Triangle. The percussion staves use various symbols: a circle with a dot for tambourine, a rectangle with a dot for wood block, and a triangle for the triangle. The music is in 4/4 time and begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 112. The first three measures are marked with '1', '2', and '3' above the handbell staff. The first measure of the handbell staff is marked with a 'p' (piano) dynamic. The percussion staves also have 'p' markings. The word 'simile' appears at the end of the triangle staff in measure 3. The handbell staff includes rhythmic markings 'TD' and 'R' in measures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

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The musical score is organized into three systems, each containing a grand staff for Horn B (HB) and three staves for percussion instruments: a circle, a rectangle, and a triangle.
 - **System 1 (Measures 8-11):** The HB part features a melodic line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. Notes are marked with 'R' (Right) and 'TD' (Timpani Drum). The percussion instruments play rhythmic patterns with stems and flags.
 - **System 2 (Measures 12-15):** The HB part continues with melodic and bass lines. Measure 15 includes a dynamic marking of *p* (piano) with a hairpin. Percussion instruments continue their rhythmic accompaniment.
 - **System 3 (Measures 16-19):** The HB part shows dynamic changes with *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *p* (piano) markings. The bass line in the grand staff changes to a key signature of one sharp (F#). Percussion instruments have a more sparse presence in this system.

The musical score is divided into three systems, each containing a grand staff for the Horns (HB) and three staves for percussion instruments: Snare Drum (SD), Tom-Tom (TT), and Triangle (TR).

- System 1 (Measures 20-22):** The HB part begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measures 20 and 21 feature a dotted quarter note (TD) and a quarter note (R). Measure 22 features a dotted quarter note (TD). The percussion parts include rhythmic patterns on the SD, TT, and TR staves.
- System 2 (Measures 23-26):** The HB part continues with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. Measures 23 and 24 feature a quarter note (R) and a dotted quarter note (TD) with a quarter note (R). Measures 25 and 26 feature a dotted quarter note (TD) and a quarter note (R). The percussion parts continue with their respective rhythmic patterns.
- System 3 (Measures 27-29):** The HB part starts with a pianissimo (*pp*) dynamic for the TD and a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic for the R. Measure 27 features a dotted quarter note (TD) and a quarter note (R). Measures 28 and 29 feature a dotted quarter note (TD) and a quarter note (R). The percussion parts continue with their respective rhythmic patterns.

30 *mp* R 31 *pp* TD 32 33

HB

34 *mf* R 35 *p* 36 (*p*) 37

HB

38 39 40 TD 41

HB

42 43 44

HB

f

P

45 46 47 48

HB

49 50 51

HB

52 53 54

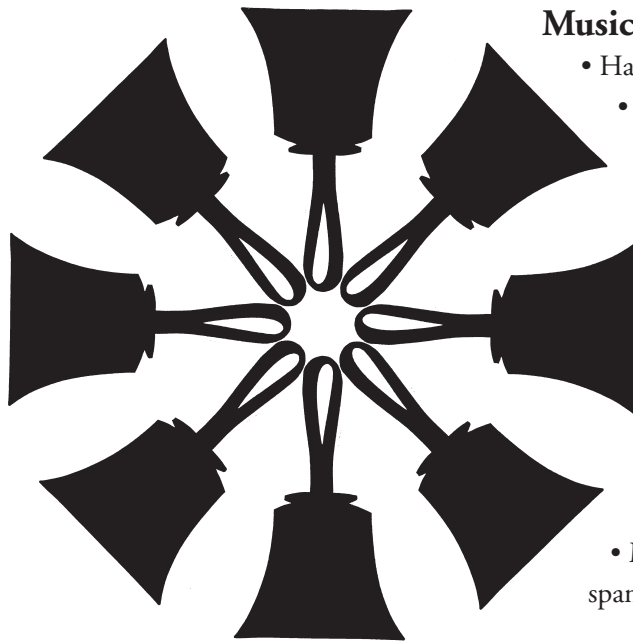
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