

In her delightful poem, Shirley Erena Murray, who lives in New Zealand, tells us of Christmas “down under.” There, in the southern hemisphere, Christmas is experienced in the midst of summer where a trip to the beach is much more likely than a trip to the ski slopes. Musterers (sheep ranchers) are shearing the winter wool from their sheep who don’t need warm coats in summer heat. Thinking about Christmas in New Zealand and Australia helps us to remember that God’s gift of love, Jesus Christ, is given for all people “everywhere, anywhere, here on the earth.”

For the Boys and Girls Choir, First United Church of Christ, Milford, Connecticut,  
Andrew J. Peters, Minister of Music

# Carol Our Christmas

Shirley Erena Murray

Colin Gibson  
arr. John Ferguson

I: 8', 4' Flutes  
II: 8' Gentle Reed, 4' Flute  
III: Gamba, Celeste  
Ped: 16', II/Ped.  
(expand registration adding color as organ permits)

**Sprightly** (♩. = ca. 54)

Organ

*lightly detached, like a dance*

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Unison

1. Car - ol our Christ-mas, an up - side-down

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Christ-mas: snow is not fall - ing and trees are not bare. Car - ol the

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sum-mer and wel-come the Christ Child, warm in our sun-shine and sweet-ness of

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air. 2. Sing of the

8', 4' Flutes