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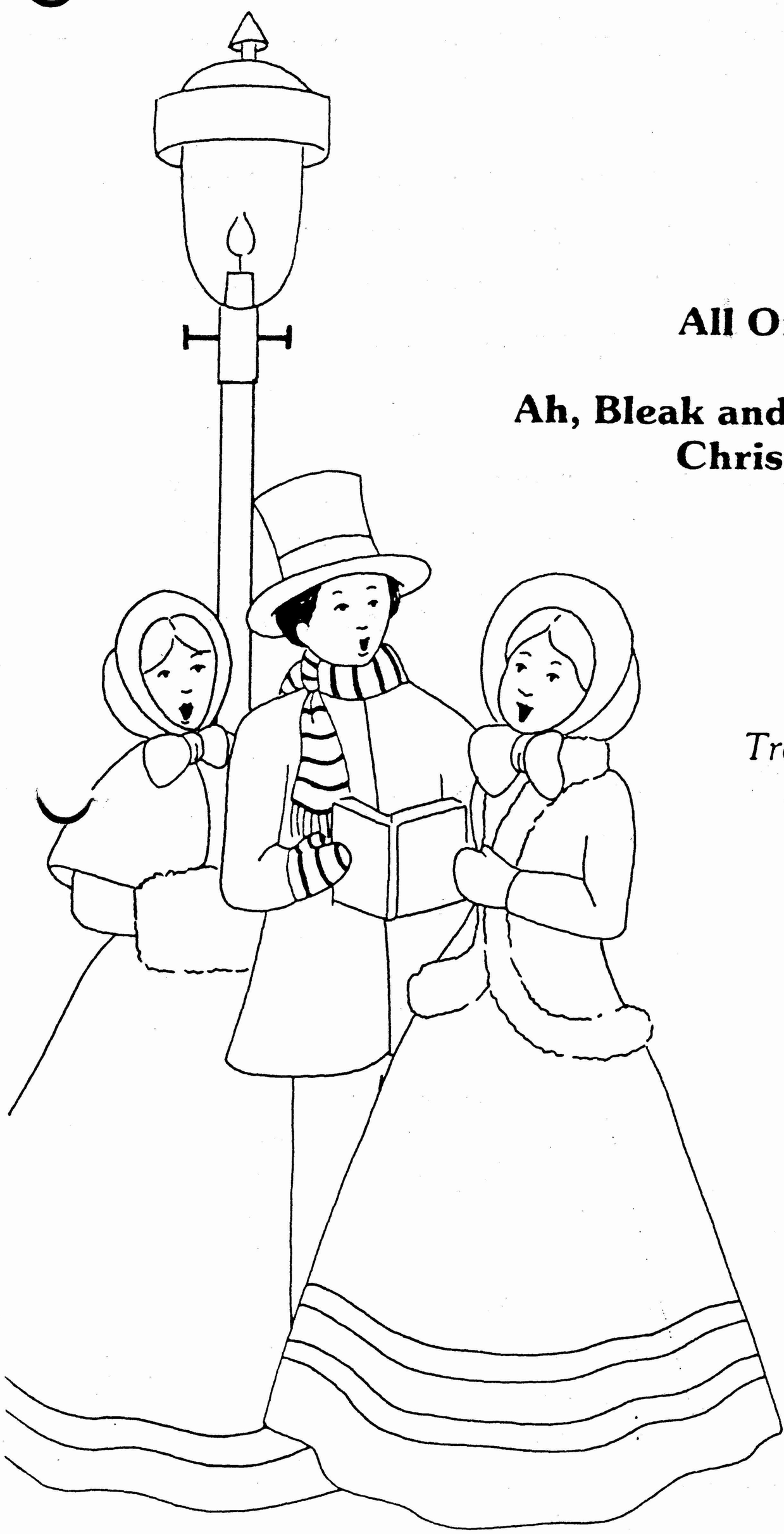

SET I

Caroling, Caroling
All On a Christmas Morning
We'll Dress the House
Ah, Bleak and Chill the Wintry Wind
Christmas Cometh Caroling

Lyrics by Bates G. Burt
and Wihla Hutson
Music by Alfred S. Burt
Transcribed by Hawley Ades
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Foreword

These delightful carols are the result of a tradition begun by the Reverend Bates G. Burt, his composer son, Alfred, and friend-of-the-family Wihla Hutson; for many years these three collaborated on the creation of original carols, which were then sent to friends as Christmas cards.

The fifteen carols as published are arranged in three sets. The carols within each set were selected to provide variety of sound (by contrasting tempi and moods) and facility of transition from one carol to the next, so that each set may be performed as a program group.

We are pleased to be able to publish the Alfred Burt Carols, to enable singing groups and audiences everywhere to share in the enjoyment of these songs, which so beautifully epitomize the spirit of Christmas.

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Bright, Bright the Holly Berries
The Star Carol

Set III

Nigh Bethlehem
Carol of the Mother
What Are the Signs
Christ In Stranger's Guise
Come, Dear Children

THE ALFRED BURT CAROLS

SET I

1. Caroling, Caroling

WIHLA HUTSON

(for T. T. B. B., unaccompanied)

Music by
ALFRED BURT
(Transcribed for Male Voices by Hawley Ades)

With a lilt (♩. = 84)

TENOR I & II

mp

1. Car-o-ling, car-o-ling, now we go; Christ-mas bells are ring-ing!
2. Car-o-ling, car-o-ling, through the town; Christ-mas bells are ring-ing!
3. Car-o-ling, car-o-ling, near and far; Christ-mas bells are ring-ing!

BASS I & II

Mel. mf

Car-o-ling, car-o-ling, thru the snow; Christ-mas bells are ring-ing!
Car-o-ling, car-o-ling, up and down; Christ-mas bells are ring-ing!
Fol-low-ing, fol-low-ing, yon-der star; Christ-mas bells are ring-ing!

Mel.

mf

Joy-ous voic-es sweet and clear Sing the sad of heart to cheer.
Mark ye well the song we sing, Glad-some ti-dings now we bring.
Sing we all this hap-py morn, "Lo, the King of heav'n is born!"

mf

f

Ding, dong, ding, dong, Christ-mas bells are ring-ing!

f

Christ-mas bells are ring-ing!

Optional ending for Verse 3:

Mel.

SET I-T.T.B.B.

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2. All On A Christmas Morning

BATES G. BURT

ALFRED BURT

Smoothly, flexibly (♩ = about 96)

TENOR I & II

mp (unis.)

1. Oh, who are these that throng the way To
2. What do they has - ten thence to see In
3. And what is this they're car - ry - ing To

BASS I & II

mp

Smoothly, flexibly (♩ = about 96)

mp (optional accompaniment)

Beth - le - hem, to Beth - le-hem, And on - ward press in glad ar - ray,
Beth - le - hem, in Beth - le-hem, That they fare forth so mer - ri - ly,
Beth - le - hem, to Beth - le-hem, What is it in their arms they bring,

SET I - T.T.B.B.

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A little more movement

mf

All on a Christ - mas morn - ing? Good Chris - tian men and
All on a Christ - mas morn - ing? Oh, they a vi - sion
All on a Christ - mas morn - ing? They bear good gifts in

mf

A little more movement

mf

a little slower

maids they are From coun - tries near and lands a - far, — Al -
fair would view, Would find the beau - ti - ful and true, — And
rich ex - cess Of love and joy and thank - ful - ness, — With

a little slower

Tempo I

lured by yon - der beck - 'ning star, All on a Christ-mas morn - ing.
faith and hope and love re - new, All on a Christ-mas morn - ing.
which man-kind they fain would bless, All on a Christ-mas morn - ing.

Tempo I

Pedals

Pedals

3. We'll Dress The House

WIHLA HUTSON

ALFRED BURT

Gaily (♩. = 92)

TENOR I & II

mf

1. We'll dress the house with hol - ly bright And sprigs of mis - tle-toe; — We'll trim the Christ-mas tree to-night And set the lights a - glow; — We'll
2. We'll dress the ta - ble dain - ti - ly, Our fin - est treas-ures use, — That all a - spar-kle it may be And bright with love - ly hues; — Then
3. And ye who would the Christ Child greet Your heart al - so a - dorn, — That it may be a dwell-ing meet For Him who now is born — Let

mf

BASS I & II

wrap our gifts with rib - bons gay And give them out on Christ-mas Day; — By
for the feast-ing we'll pre-pare A kitch-en full of won-drous fare, — That
all un-love - ly things give place To souls be-decked with heav'n - ly grace, — That

ev - 'ry-thing we do and say Our glad - ness we will show. —
each from all the dish - es rare His fav - 'rite one may choose. —
ye may view His Ho - ly face With joy on Christ-mas morn. —

*Dotted slur means no breath here.

SET I - T.T.B.B.

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4. Ah, Bleak And Chill The Wintry Wind

BATES G. BURT

ALFRED BURT

Expressively (♩ = 48)

ALL VOICES (*unis*) (or Solo Voice)

mp

Ah, bleak and chill the win-t'ry wind, but cold-er far be he Who

pp (*optional accompaniment*)

hath no warmth of love to share with Christ the babe that Mar-y bare, On

BASSES

mf

His Na-tiv-i-ty, On His Na-tiv-i-ty. Dark,

(A) TENORS (*Some basses may be assigned to harmony parts for balance*)

p

Ah Ah With-

mp

(*no breath*)

BASSES

(A) dark the night when Christ was born, But deep-er shad-ows be

R. H.

L. H. *mp*

* If piano is the accompanying instrument, repeat chord here.

** A few Tenors may be assigned to sing melody throughout Letter (A) to insure continuity of melody as it shifts from Bass to Tenor.

SET I-T.T.B.B.

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div.

in the heart_that hath no joy With Mar-y and_her heav'n-ly boy, On

p div.

Ah _____ Ah _____

Ah _____

p mp

His Na-tiv-i-ty, ____ On_ His Na-tiv-i-ty.

p

Ah _____ On_ His Na-tiv-i-ty.

(B) DESCANT *(for solo or several voices)*

mp

Ah _____

mf

Peace be to them and right_good cheer Who car-ol mer-ri-ly, ____ And

mf

(B)

Ah —

poco rit. *a tempo*

Mel.

hie them forth when church bells ring, To kneel be - fore their new-born King On

poco rit. *a tempo*

poco rit. *a tempo*

On His Na - tiv - i - ty.

Mel.

His Na - tiv - i - ty, — On His Na - tiv - i - ty.

Bass div.

Pedal

5. Christmas Cometh Caroling

FATHER ANDREW

ALFRED BURT

Moderately (♩ = 96)

Tenor I
Tenor II

mf

1. Oh, Christ - mas com - eth car - ol - ing, And
2. And it would be a shame to tell That
3. Then shrive you clean and wash you white, Keep

Bass I
Bass II

mf

mp

Ah

mf

all the mer - ry bells do ring, To tell how an - gels once did sing,
on - ly clang of bra - zen bell Should play earth's part His praise to swell:
vig - il well this Ho .- ly Night; While an - gels car - ol in the height,

Kneel - ing a - bout their Ba - by King, Born of our La - dy Mar - y.
It must be you and I as well Who kneel to La - dy Mar - y.
We shall re - ceive ere dawn of light Bread from the Babe of Mar - y.

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