

**A SEASON'S JOURNEY** by James W. Knox

SATB Choir, Soli, Narrator, String Orchestra, Piano and Percussion

**Prologue**

**Part I. Mystery- The Quiet of Winter**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming (Arranged by Frank Glass)

Verbum caro factum est (The Word was made flesh)

**Part II. Magical – A Light Appears**

See Amid the Winter Snow (Arranged by Dan Forrest)

O Silent and Holy Night

Huron Carol

**Prologue II**

**Part III. Joy – Voices Rise**

Angels we have Heard on High (Arranged by Dan Forrest)

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

Joy to the World

**Part IV. Celebration – Together We Shine**

Here we come A-Wassailing!

Deck the Halls

We wish you a Merry Christmas

## Program Notes

### A Season's Journey

*A Season's Journey* is a musical meditation on the movement of the heart through winter—from mystery and longing, to wonder, to joy, to celebration. Blending narration, poetry, and beloved carols, the work invites listeners not simply to observe the season, but to walk through it. Each part unfolds like a chapter in a story: stillness giving way to shimmer, shimmer breaking into song, and song gathering into shared light.

#### Part I. Mystery – “The Quiet of Winter”

The journey begins in silence. Winter is not only cold, but contemplative—a space of waiting and of questions that have not yet found their answers. Through poetry and carol, the opening movement explores the beauty of stillness: a world listening for meaning, leaning toward the unseen.

#### Part II. Magical – “A Light Appears”

From the hush of winter, light begins to stir. Whether shimmering in the sky, flickering in candles, or glowing in acts of kindness, this light signals wonder that needs no explanation. The familiar carols that follow become moments of reverence and recognition, reminding us of the holy arrival that shines across time and place.

#### Part III. Joy – “Voices Rise”

Without warning, the quiet breaks into celebration. Laughter, music, and movement erupt as joy spreads like dawn across the earth. Here the carols lift into exuberance, embodying joy that cannot be contained joy that rings out, bold and bright, declaring that everything has been transformed.

#### Part IV. Celebration – “Together We Shine”

The journey culminates not in solitude, but in community. Lights, stories, and traditions weave together; hands and voices join; warmth is shared. This final section celebrates the heart of the season: that together, we shine brighter. In festive carols and closing blessing, the music affirms that joy, when shared, becomes light for the world.

