

Holiday Entertainments

Adapted to all Holidays, including
New Year's, Washington's Birthday,
Easter, Decoration Day, Fourth of July,
Thanksgiving, and especially
Christmas Occasions

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Chorus (any other Christmas carol may be substituted).—
 God rest ye, all good Christians, let nothing you dis-
 may,
 For Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christmas
 Day ;
 The dawn rose red o'er Bethlehem, the stars shone
 through the gray,
 When Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christ-
 mas Day.

God rest ye, little children, let nothing you affright,
 For Jesus Christ, your Saviour, was born this happy
 night ;
 Along the hills of Galilee, the white flocks sleeping
 lay,
 When Christ, the child of Nazareth, was born on
 Christmas Day.

ELIZABETH LLOYD.

A CHRISTMAS PASTIME; OR, THE CRYING FAMILY.

About thirty-five minutes in representation.

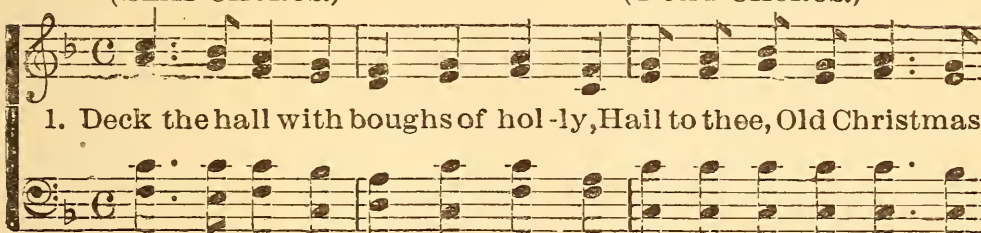
PERSONS IN THE PLAY.

FATHER,	MOTHER,	NUMEROUS CHILDREN,
JANUARY,	ST. VALENTINE,	MARCH,
APRIL,	MAY,	JUNE,
FOURTH OF JULY,	AUGUST,	SEPTEMBER,
OCTOBER,	NOVEMBER,	OLD CHRISTMAS.

The FATHER and MOTHER are seated in arm-chairs on one side of the stage, toward the back. The youngest child sits in the mother's lap ; the others on low chairs, stools, hassocks, and on the floor in semicircular rows around their parents, but facing out. All, including father and mother have handkerchiefs, and are sobbing and crying.

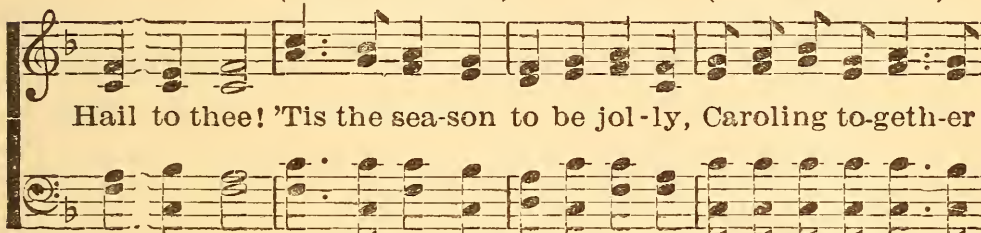
All the family bow and curtsy very low as each guest passes. When they are in place, all sing.)

(SEMI-CHORUS.) (FULL CHORUS.)



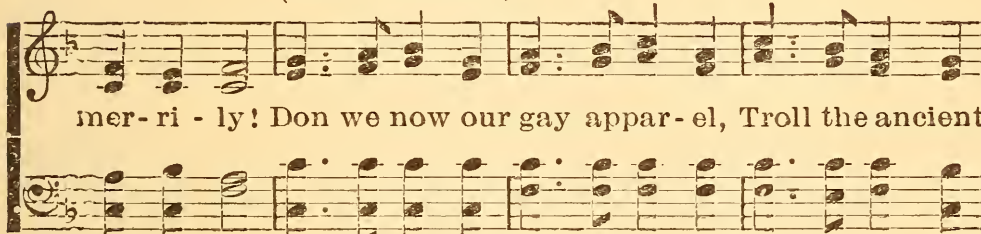
1. Deck the hall with boughs of hol-ly, Hail to thee, Old Christmas,

(SEMI-CHORUS.) (FULL CHORUS.)



Hail to thee! 'Tis the sea-son to be jol-ly, Caroling to-geth-er

(SEMI-CHORUS.)



mer-ri - ly! Don we now our gay appar-el, Troll the ancient

(FULL CHORUS.)



Christmas car - ol, Hail to thee, Old Christmas, hail to thee!

See the blazing Yule before us,
Hail to thee, Old Christmas, hail to thee!
Strike the harp and join the chorus,
Caroling together merrily :

Follow me in merry measure
 While I tell of Christmas treasure;
 Hail to thee, Old Christmas, hail to thee!

Fast away the old year passes,
 Hail to thee, Old Christmas, hail to thee!
 Greet the new, ye lads and lassies,
 Caroling together merrily!
 Sing once more, and all together,
 Heedless of the wind and weather,
 Hail to thee, Old Christmas, hail to thee!

[*Old Christmas enters and distributes gifts.*]

MRS. L. A. BRADBURY.

A FLOWER SERVICE.

SUGGESTIONS.

This short service may be used as a concert piece and thus be repeated by the whole school, or the "Bible Selections" may be read or recited responsively, and the rhyme by one person; or the former by some selected boys or girls, or by the whole school. Again, half of the "Bible Selections" may be given to the boys and half to the girls, the rhyme then being recited by all together. Or, as a still further change, the entire service may be recited by separate girls or boys selected from the school. In this case the girls should be dressed simply in white, and each one who recites should carry an appropriate bouquet, which should be laid on a convenient table or altar at the close of each separate recitation.

This service may be appropriately used on various occasions by adapting the manner of rendering it to each particular celebration. It could be used at Easter, Decoration Day, Children's Day, or at a gathering of the members of a Flower Mission.

BIBLE SELECTIONS.

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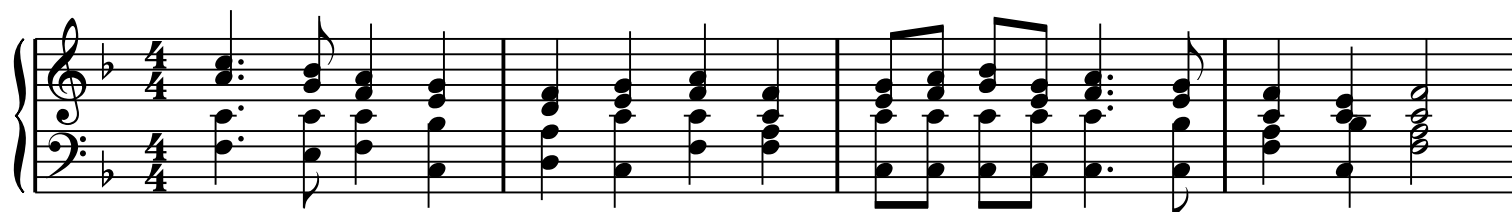
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

A Christmas Pastime

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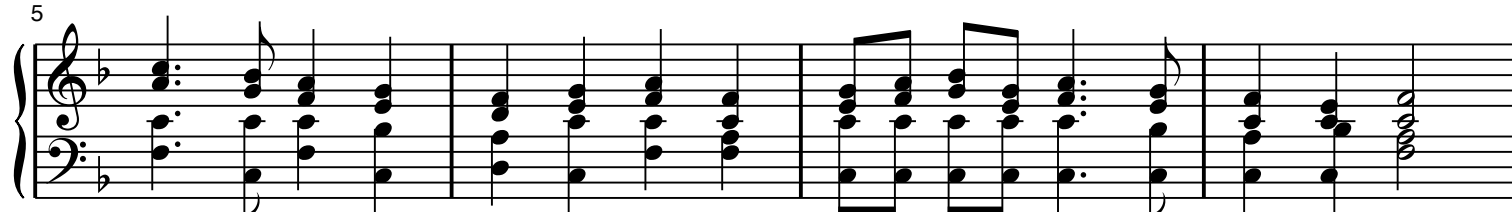
(Semi-Chorus.) (Full Chorus.)



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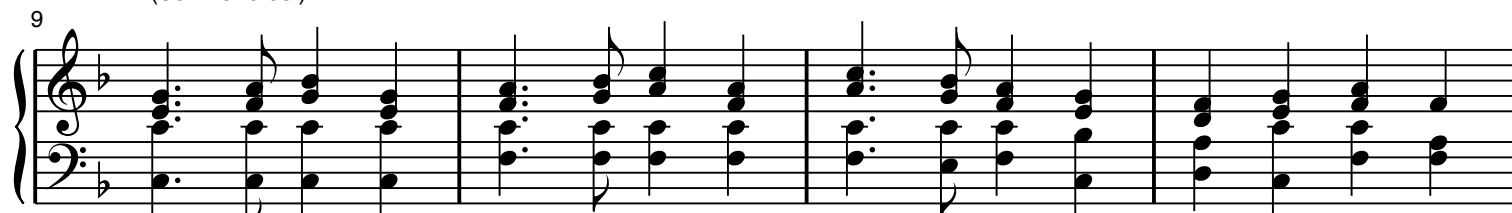
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'Tis the sea - son to be jol - ly, Car - ol - ing to - geth - er mer - ri - ly!

(Semi-Chorus.)


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Don we now our gay app - ar - el, Troll the an - cient Christ - mas car - ol,

(Full Chorus.)

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