

RICH CAMPBELL

THE SIMPLE WAY

for SATB a capella choir

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The Simple Way

by John Aicher

Couples skate around the pond
Fringed by holly and evergreen
Choristers circle the fire 'round
Singing welcome Prince of Peace.

Moonlight falls on branches pressed
Brittle against the winter sky
Shadows alight where snowflakes caress
A blanket of festive white

Sleds trail children up the hill
Sliding them down a gentle slope
Beneath his guiding star shining still
Bathing Christmas Eve in hope

Evening slips to Christmas day
Across cities and countryside
Finally gracing the simple way
Hearty neighbors pray outside.

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With joyful, holiday spirit

for a capella SATB choir

Moderato (♩ = c. 108)

mf

Soprano
Cou - ples skate a - round the pond Fringed by hol - ly and ev - er-green

Alto
Cou - ples skate a - round the pond Fringed by hol - ly and ev - er-green

Tenor
Cou - ples skate a - round the pond Fringed by hol - ly and ev - er-green

Bass
Cou - ples skate a - round the pond Fringed by hol - ly and ev - er-green

Piano
(for rehearsal only)
Moderato (♩ = c. 108)
mf

5

S
Chor - is - ters cir - cle the fi - re 'round Sing - ing wel - come prince of peace *rit.*

A
Chor - is - ters cir - cle the fi - re 'round Sing - ing wel - come prince of peace

T
Chor - is - ters cir - cle the fi - re 'round Sing - ing wel - come prince of peace

B
Chor - is - ters cir - cle the fi - re 'round Sing - ing wel - come prince of peace

rit.

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a tempo

mp

S
9
Cou-ples skate a-round the pond Fringed by hol-ly and ev - er-green Chor-is-ters cir-cle the

A
mp
Cou - ples skate a - round the pond Fringed by hol-ly and

T
8
mp
Cou - ples skate a-round the pond Fringed by hol-ly and ev - er-green

B
mp
Cou - ples skate a - round the pond

a tempo
mp

14

S
fi - re 'round Sing - ing wel - come prince of peace

A
ev - er-green Chor-is-ters cir-cle the fi - re 'round Sing - ing wel - come

T
8
Chor-is-ters cir-cle the fi - re 'round Sing - ing wel - come prince of peace

B
Fringed by hol - ly and ev - er-green Chor-is-ters cir-cle the fi - re 'round

18 *rit.* *a tempo mp*

S Moon-light falls on branch-es pressed brit-tle a-against the

A prince of peace Moon-light falls on branch-es pressed brit-tle a-against the

T Moon-light falls on branch-es pressed brit-tle a-against the

B Sing - ing wel - come prince of peace

rit. *a tempo mp*

23 *rit.*

S win - ter sky shad-ows a - light where snow - flakes ca-ress A blan-ket of fes - tive white

A win - ter sky shad-ows a - light where snow - flakes ca-ress A blan-ket of fes - tive white

T win - ter sky shad-ows a - light where snow - flakes ca-ress A blan-ket of fes - tive white

B

rit.

4 *a tempo*

28

S *mf*
Sleds trail chil - dren up the hill Slid - ing them down a gen - tle slope Be - neath His guid - ing star

A *mf*
Sleds trail chil - dren up the hill Slid - ing them down a gen - tle slope Be - neath His guid - ing star

T *mf*
8 Sleds trail chil - dren up the hill Slid - ing them down a gen - tle slope Be - neath His guid - ing star

B *mf*
Sleds trail chil - dren up the hill Slid - ing them down a gen - tle slope Be - neath His guid - ing star

a tempo
mf

33

S *rit.* *p* *a tempo*
shin - ing still Bath - ing Christ - mas Eve in hope Eve - ning slips to Christ - mas day A - cross

A *p*
shin - ing still Bath - ing Christ - mas Eve in hope Eve - ning slips to Christ - mas day A - cross

T *p*
8 shin - ing still Bath - ing Christ - mas Eve in hope Eve - ning slips to Christ - mas

B *p*
shin - ing still Bath - ing Christ - mas Eve in hope Eve - ning slips to Christ - mas

rit. *a tempo*
p

41 *mp*

S cit - ies and coun - try - side Fi - nal - ly grac - ing the sim - ple way

A cit - ies and coun - try - side Fi - nal - ly grac - ing the sim - ple way

T 8 day A - cross cit - ies and coun - try - side Fi - nal - ly grac - ing the

B day A - cross cit - ies and coun - try - side Fi - nal - ly grac - ing the

mp

48 *rit.* *mp* Slower ♩=90 But moving quickly

S Heart - y neigh - bors pray out - side Cou - ples skate a - round the pond

A Heart - y neigh - bors pray out - side

T 8 sim - ple way Heart - y neigh - bors pray out - side

B sim - ple way Heart - y neigh - bors pray out - side

rit. Slower ♩=90 But moving quickly *mp*

6

54

S *mf*
Cou - ples skate a - round the pond Cou - ples skate a - round the pond

A *mp*
Cou - ples skate a - round the pond Cou - ples skate a - round the pond

T *mp*
8
Cou - ples skate a - round the pond

B

mf

56

S *mf*
Fringed by hol - ly and ev - er-green Chor - is - ters cir - cle the fi - re 'round

A *mf*
Cou - ples skate a - round the pond Fringed by hol - ly and ev - er-green

T *mf*
8
Cou - ples skate a - round the pond Cou - ples skate a - round the pond

B *mp*
Cou - ples skate a - round the pond Cou - ples skate a - round the pond

mf

58

S Sing - ing wel - come prince of peace

A Chor-is - ters cir - cle the fi - re 'round Sing - ing wel - come prince of peace

T Fringed by hol - ly and e - ver-green Chor-is - ters cir - cle the fi - re 'round

B *mf* Cou - pleskate a - round the pond Fringed by hol - ly and e - vergreen

60

S Cou - ples skate a - round the pond Cou - ples skate a - round the pond

A Cou - ples skate a - round the pond

T Sing - ing wel - come prince of peace

B Chor - is - ters cir - cle the fi - re 'round Sing - ing wel - come prince of peace

62 *f*

S Cou - ples skate a - round the pond Cou - ples skate a - round the pond

A Cou - ples skate a - round the pond Cou - ples skate a - round the pond

T Cou - ples skate a - round the pond Cou - ples skate a - round the pond

B Cou - ples skate a - round the pond Cou - ples skate round

64

S Fringed by hol - ly and ev - er-green Chor - is - ters cir - cle the fi - re 'round

A Fringed by hol - ly and ev - er-green Chor - is - ters cir - cle the fi - re 'round

T Fringed by hol - ly and ev - er-green Chor - is - ters cir - cle the fi - re 'round

B Fringed by hol - ly Chor - is - ters 'round

66

S Sing - ing wel - come prince of peace Chor-is - ters cir - cle

A Sing - ing wel - come prince of peace Chor-is - ters cir - cle

T Sing - ing wel - come prince of peace Chor-is - ters cir - cle

B wel - come prince peace Chor-is - ters cir - cle

68

S Chor - is - ters cir - cle Sleds trail chil - dren up the hill

A Chor - is - ters cir - cle

T Chor - is - ters cir - cle

B Chor - is - ters cir - cle Sleds trail chil - dren up the hill

70

S Slid - ing them down a gen - tle slope Sleds trail chil - dren up the hill

A Sleds trail chil - dren up the hill

T Sleds trail chil - dren up the hill

B Slid - ing them down a gen - tle slope Sleds trail chil - dren

72

S Slid - ing them down a gen - tle slope Be-neath His guid - ing star shin - ing still

A Slid - ing them down a gen - tle slope Be-neath His guid - ing star shin - ing still

T Slid - ing them down a gen - tle slope Be-neath His guid - ing star shin - ing still

B Slid - ing them down star shin - - ing still

74 *rit.* *p* *Slowly* ♩=70

S Bath - ing Christ - mas Eve in hope Eve - ning slips to Christ - mas day

A Bath - ing Christ - mas Eve in hope Eve - ning slips to Christ - mas day

T Bath - ing Christ - mas Eve in hope Eve - ning slips to Christ - mas day

B Christ - mas Eve hope Eve - ning slips to Christ - mas day

rit. *p* *Slowly* ♩=70

80

S A - - - cross cit - ies and coun - try - side

A A - - - cross cit - ies and coun - try - side

T A - - - cross cit - ies and coun - try - side

B A - - - cross cit - ies and coun - try - side

p

84

S Fi - nal - ly grac - ing the sim - - - ple way

A Fi - nal - ly grac - ing the sim - - - ple way

T Fi - nal - ly grac - ing the sim - - - ple way

B Fi - nal - ly grac - ing the sim - - - ple way

88

S Heart - y neigh - - - bors pray out - side

A Heart - y neigh - - - bors pray out - side

T Heart - y neigh - - - bors pray out - side

B Heart - y neigh - - - bors pray out - side

rit.