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Suite 1. The Promise of Hope

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

SATB or Two-part Mixed*



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^{*}For performance by Two-part Mixed voices, omit the cued notes.

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^{*}Tune: WAYFARING STRANGER; words adapted from *O Come*, *O Come*, *Emmanuel*, 12th-c. Latin hymn, translated by John M. Neale, 1851.







Suite 1. Carols of Hope

The Sussex Carol / Regent Square

SATB or Two-part Mixed*

Arranged by Anna Laura Page and Jean Anne Shafferman

STORYTELLER:

During this holy season, we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the Christ Child by lighting candles nestled in wreaths of evergreens. The wreath is a circle that has no beginning and no end—like the eternal God! Its four colored candles signify the four weeks of Advent, and the white candle represents the Christ Child. Their light foretells the coming reign of Jesus, the Light of Hope.

As we prepare to celebrate His birth, the holly's prickly thorns and blood-red berries serve as symbols of His crown of thorns and prepare us for the crucified Christ—Jesus, the great Hope for our salvation!

READER 1:

(music begins) Hear the words of the prophets: Behold, the days are coming when God will keep His promise to Israel and Judah.



He will cause a branch of David's tree to grow in righteousness and truth. (Jeremiah 33:14-15)



READER 2: The glory of Lebanon will come to you, the cypress, the pine, and the box tree,



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^{*}Tune: SUSSEX CAROL; traditional English carol.







*Tune: REGENT SQUARE; music by Henry T. Smart, 1867; words by James Montgomery, 1816, 1825, alt. 65/2038&39L-20