

Foreword

Well-known composer Gregg Sewell has provided a new collection of luminous arrangements of ageless Christmas songs in this volume created for pianists with moderate technical ability. The carols are at least 150 years old, but they retain their relevance to the modern listener as the ancient story is forcefully delivered with striking effect in each setting.

— The Publishers

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Personent Hodie

Gregg Sewell
Based on PIAE CANTIONES, 1582

Rubato, ethereal

pp RH

6

poco rit.

Decisively $\text{♩} = 80$

mf *dim.*

pedal down to measure 22

11

mp

14

17

20

8

mf *p*

Detailed description: This system contains measures 20 through 23. The music is in G major. The right hand plays a descending eighth-note pattern in the first two measures, followed by a similar pattern with some rests. The left hand is mostly silent, with a few notes appearing in the third and fourth measures. Dynamics are marked *mf* and *p*. An 8-measure slur is shown above the right hand.

24

8

mf *p* *mf* *mp*

Detailed description: This system contains measures 24 through 29. The music continues in G major. The right hand has a more active role, playing chords and moving lines. The left hand provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. Dynamics include *mf*, *p*, and *mp*. An 8-measure slur is shown above the right hand. The system ends with a double bar line and a key signature change to F major.

30

8

p

→ pedal down to measure 40

Detailed description: This system contains measures 30 through 32. The music is in F major. The right hand plays a descending eighth-note pattern. The left hand is mostly silent. Dynamics are marked *p*. An 8-measure slur is shown above the right hand. An arrow points to the right with the text "pedal down to measure 40".

33

8

Detailed description: This system contains measures 33 through 35. The music continues in F major. The right hand plays a descending eighth-note pattern. The left hand is mostly silent. An 8-measure slur is shown above the right hand.

36

8

Detailed description: This system contains measures 36 through 38. The music continues in F major. The right hand plays a descending eighth-note pattern. The left hand is mostly silent. An 8-measure slur is shown above the right hand.

39 *8* *loco*
cresc. *poco rit.*

42 *Slowly* $\text{♩} = 56$
mf

46 *poco rit.*

52 *Rubato, ethereal*
pp

58 *poco rit.* *ppp*