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### CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas hath a darkness  
Brighter than the blazing noon,  
Christmas hath a chillness  
Warmer than the heat of June,  
Christmas hath a beauty  
Lovelier than the world can show:  
For Christmas bringeth Jesus,  
Brought for us so low.

Earth, strike up your music,  
Birds that sing and bells that ring;  
Heaven hath answering music  
For all Angels soon to sing:  
Earth, put on your whitest  
Bridal robe of spotless snow:  
For Christmas bringeth Jesus,  
Brought for us so low.

— *Christina Rossetti*

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for Florence and Woody Eddins, with affection

# Christmas Eve

for Soprano and Organ

Christina Rossetti

Juliana Hall

(b. 1958)

Swell: 8' Gamba, Celeste  
Pedal: 16' Bourdon, Sw./Ped.

With Warmth (♩ = 100)

The musical score is written for Soprano and Organ. It begins with a tempo marking of 'With Warmth (♩ = 100)'. The organ part features a prominent swell effect, indicated by a bracket and the marking 'Sw. p'. The organ accompaniment consists of a treble and bass line. The soprano line enters at measure 4 with the lyrics 'Christ - mas hath a dark - ness'. The organ part provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands. A large watermark 'Copying is illegal only' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

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Bright-er than the blaz - ing noon,—

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Christ - mas hath a chill - ness—

Poco Rit. ....

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Warm - er than the heat\_\_\_ of June,\_\_\_

Poco Rit. ....

♩ = 60

*mp*

17

Christ - mas hath a beau - ty\_\_\_\_\_

♩ = 60

19

Love - li - er than the world can show:

21

*mp*

For Christ - mas

*mp*