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*for Mixed Community Choir (SATB)
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with optional Children's Choir - Unison

Words by Jean Lewis

This light-hearted holiday song was commissioned by a local community chorus, one of whose members wrote the words.

I was asked to include a part for children's choir, and I understand everyone enjoyed taking part. It has a simple message - to chase away the gloom, and spread light and happiness to all at Christmas time! It could be performed without a children's choir if desired, with some of the sopranos taking the children's part.

The accompaniment is for piano, although it can be easily adapted to include other instruments.

Gordon Thornett has written a number of choral pieces for Christmas, published in the UK by OUP and in Norway by Norsk Musikforlag. Some other Christmas titles are obtainable from Swirly Music (www.swirlymusic.com). His Festive Christmas Overture 'The Joy of Christmas' is published in the UK by Faber Music.

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Christmas Candles

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Con moto ♩ = 120

Piano

5 **A** *p*

Ev'-ry-one should have a Christ-mas can - dle, Light it up and let it shine, —

Ev'-ry-one should have a Christ-mas can - dle, Light it up and let it shine, —

A *p*

9 *mf*

Let yours glow in your small cor-ner, I will let mine glow in mine, And we'll ban-ish the world's

Let yours glow in your small cor-ner, I will let mine glow in mine, And we'll ban-ish the world's

14

B

dark-ness. For a while, at Christ-mas time.

(for a while)

dark-ness. for a while

B

19

*Alternatively this verse may be sung by male voices in UNISON.

*Men's voices in 4 parts (ad lib.)

p *mf*

Though the light may start quite slow - ly just en-cour-age it to grow.(to grow) Join the can-dles

Piano ad lib.

p

24

all to - ge - ther and the light will grow and grow, +Till the dark - ness that hangs o'er us will dim

+ some altos, ad lib.
on 1st tenor part

f

Piano ad lib.

29

Ev' - ry - one should have a Christ - mas can - dle,

Ev' - ry - one should have a Christ - mas can - dle,

in - ish and will go. Ev' - ry - one should have a Christ - mas can - dle,

Children's choir
join in here

mf

mf

f

mf

f

mf

tr

35

Light it up and let it shine, — Let yours glow in your small cor-ner, I will let mine glow in

Light it up and let it shine, — Let yours glow in your small cor-ner, I will let mine glow in

Light it up and let it shine, — Let yours glow in your small cor-ner, I will let mine glow in

40

mine, And we'll ban-ish the world'sdark-ness. For a while, at Christ-mas time. **D**

mine, And we'll ban-ish the world'sdark-ness. For a while, A:for a while at Christ-mas time. **D**

mine, And we'll ban-ish the world'sdark-ness. for a while **D** marcato

46

See the light that feeds the spi-rit, that trans-fi-gures all a round. It willchase a-way the

p *mp* *mp*

ah ah

p [Small notes for rehearsal only]

52

dark-ness that in this sad world a - bounds.

E

E

CHILDREN'S CHOIR join in here.

57

f

Ev'-ry-one should have a Christ-mas can-dle, Light it up and let it shine, _____

f

Ev'-ry-one should have a Christ-mas can-dle, Light it up and let it shine, _____

f

Ev'-ry-one should have a Christ mas-can-dle. Light it up and let it, _____

A:let it shine,
let it shine,

61

Let yours glow in your small cor-ner, I will let mine glow in mine, And we'll ban-ish the world's

Let yours glow in your small cor-ner, I will let mine glow in mine, And we'll ban-ish the world's

(in mine,)

Let yours glow in your small cor-ner, I will in mine, And we'll ban-ish the world's

66

F

dark-ness. For a while, at Christ-mas time.

dark-ness. For a while, (For a while,) at Christ-mas time.

dark-ness. For a while, at Christ-mas time.

p

G

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ALONE - If no children's choir, Sops. & Altos sing this verse.

71

mf

So let us make this joy-ous light stay with us through the year.

mp

G

77

Keep the Christ-mas can-dles burn-ing and we'llchase a-way the fear that keeps the world in

82

dark - ness, in sad - ness and in woe, and with light will come the con - fi - dence to help man - kind to

88

grow. *This lit - tle light of mine, O, I'm goin' to let it shine!

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' to let it shine.

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' to let it shine.

*If no children's choir, it is suggested that 1st sopranos take this line, and 2nd sops. sing with the main choir.

104

J poco rit. ----- **A tempo**
 ♩ = 120

f

at Christ-mas time. _____ This lit-tle light of mine,
 while. at Christ-mas time. _____ This lit-tle light of
 — at Christ-mas time. _____ This lit-tle light of

J poco rit. ----- **A tempo**
 ♩ = 120

f

109

K molto rit. ----- **A little slower**
 ♩ = 116

ff

I'm goin' a let it shine! _____ la la la la la la la la la,
 mine, I'm goin' a let it shine! _____ la la la la la la la la la,
 mine, I'm goin' a let it shine! _____ la la la la la la la la la,

ff

Optional clapping
 (adult choir could finger click)

K molto rit. ----- **A little slower**
 ♩ = 116

f

114

la la la la la la la, la, la la la la la la la la, la la la la la la, la, *f* And we'll

la la la la la la la, la, la la la la la la la la, la la la la la la, *f*

120

f This lit-tle light of mine, I'm goin' to let it shine, For ev-er and for ev - er at

chase a - way the dark-ness, we'll chase a - way the dark-ness, For ev-er and for ev - er at

L

126

Christ - - - - mas time.

Christ - - - - mas time.

Christ - - - - mas time.

Musical score for measures 126-128, featuring vocal lines and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "Christ - - - - mas time." and "Christ - - - - mas time." The piano part includes a watermark "FOR PERUSAL USE ONLY".

L

129

Children: Raise hands, palms forward, and wiggle fingers!

I'm goin' to let it shine!

I'm goin' to let it shine!

I'm goin' to let it shine!

Musical score for measures 129-131, featuring vocal lines and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "I'm goin' to let it shine!". The piano part includes a watermark "FOR PERUSAL USE ONLY".