

17. Let There Be Joy

from "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical"

Music by M. Hillgartner
Lyrics by Hillgartner & Beecham

CUE
REVEREND HOPKINS:
"Let there be joy in the world!"

TRACK 46

Majestic!

KIDS:

Bright ♩ = 130

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Let there be joy, joy, joy, joy, joy in the world.



Let there be peace, let there be joy in ev-'ry girl, in ev-'ry



boy! Let there be joy, joy, joy, joy, joy in the world.

VAMP

BETTY: (*clutching a handkerchief*) "Could you believe that was Imogene Herdman up there? She had me in tears."

LUANNE: "The kids are just so darn cute."

CONNIE: "And that little Gladys brought a lot of spirit to the Angel."

LUANNE: "Who was the baby Jesus?"

CONNIE: "That was a doll."

BETTY: "Oh, I don't think so, Connie. I'm sure I saw his little hand reach for the rattle."

CONNIE: "Wait till Helen hears about this. I don't know what she's going to think."

(*HELEN rolls up in a wheelchair*)

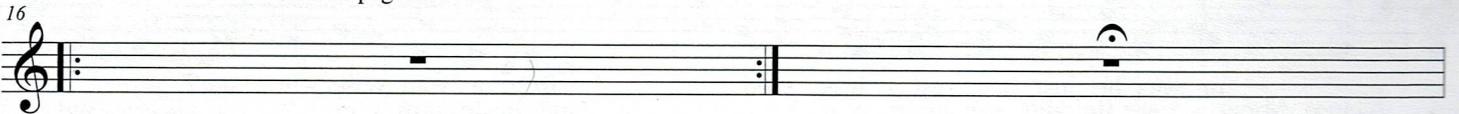
HELEN: "I'll tell you what I think."

(*music out*)

"It was the best Christmas pageant ever."

HELEN: "I knew picking Grace was the right decision."

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**CHURCH LADIES,
HELEN
& GRACE:**

HELEN:



Come one and all! And ce-le-brate this day with those you love from near and

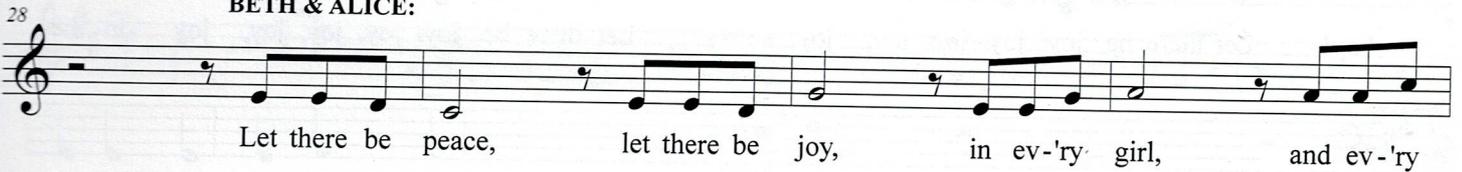


far a - way, Reach out your hand and wel-come back a - gain, one and all, like a long lost friend.

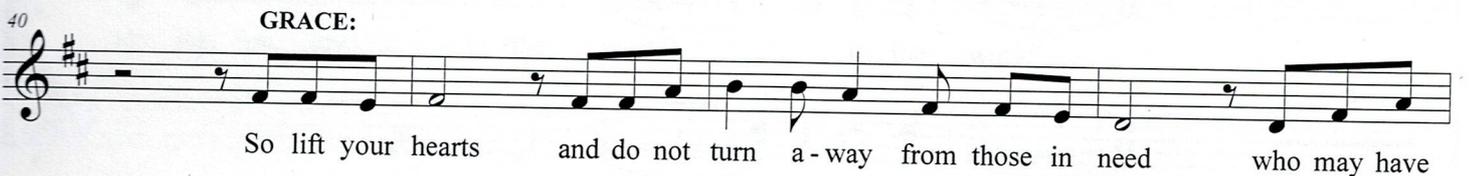
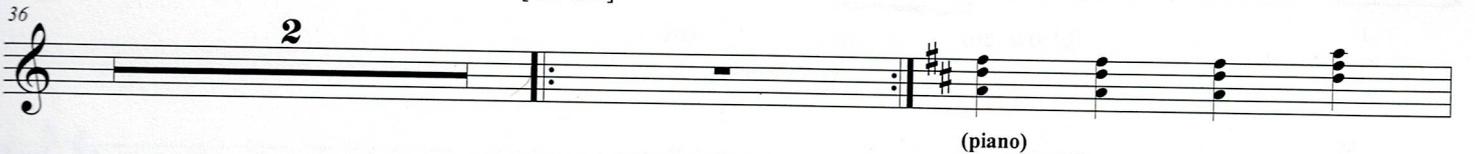
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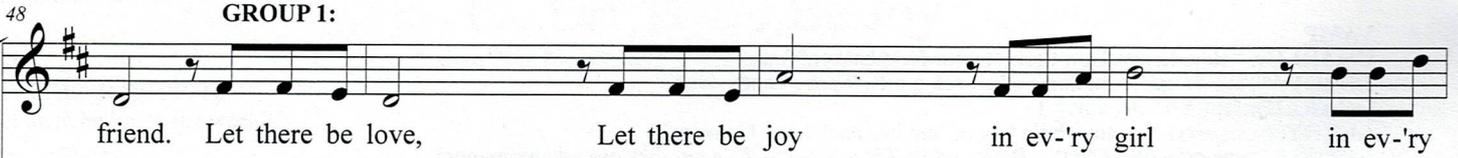
**GRACE, BOB,
BETH & ALICE:****VAMP****REVEREND HOPKINS:** "Thank you, kids, for joining our pageant. I have to say, we'll miss you next year."**RALPH:** "Don't worry. From now on, we're doing the Christmas pageant every year."**GLADYS:** "But next year, I'm playing Mary."**IMOGENE:** "Yeah! The heck you will!"

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48 **GROUP 1:**



friend. Let there be love, Let there be joy in ev-'ry girl in ev-'ry

GROUP 2:



Let there be love Let there be joy in ev-'ry girl, in ev-'ry

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boy! Let there be joy, joy, joy, joy, joy Let there be joy, joy, joy, joy, joy in the
boy! Joy in the world! Joy in the world in the

57 **ALL:** *rall.*



world! In the world!