

Angels In The Snow

By Tracey Rush

Commissioned by the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra
Kirk Trevor, Maestro - December 1998

Duration: 4:00

Instrumentation: 2 Flutes, 2 Oboes, 2 Clarinets, 2 Bassoons,
4 Horns, 3 Trumpets, 3 Trombones, Tuba, Timpani, Sleigh Bells,
Glock, Chimes, Harp, and Strings
plus SATB Chorus [w 4 solos] and 2 part treble choir.

The Story Behind the Song:

“It was December 3, 1990, and the biggest blizzard of the season hit the Midwest. While Dad was shoveling, Mom was working a jigsaw puzzle in the living room. She watched out the picture window as the neighborhood paperboy did his daily ritual: he would always stop in the middle of my parents’ lawn and read the last paper before delivering it next door. This particular day, as he walked past the window, he could not resist the beautiful snow and threw himself on his back and made a snow angel.

A short while later, Mom looked out and saw my dad on his back in a snow bank, in the angel position.

Only he wasn’t moving and 911 could not revive him. We still call him our “Snow Angel”
Angels in the Snow is a joyous song celebrating the season and is my way of raising a toast
to the memory of my father. -Tracey Rush

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Joyfully ♩ = 120

The musical score is arranged in systems. The first system includes Flute 1 & 2, Oboe 1 & 2, B♭ Clarinet 1 & 2, and Bassoon 1 & 2. The second system includes Horn 1 & 2, Horn 3 & 4, B♭ Trumpet 1 & 2, Trombone 1 & 2, and Tuba. The third system includes Timpani, Sleigh Bells, Chimes, Glock, Harp, Trb 1 & 2, S-A, and T-B. The fourth system includes Violin 1 & 2, Viola, Cello, and Contrabass. The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B♭). The tempo is marked 'Joyfully' at 120 beats per minute. Dynamics include *f* (forte) and *mf* (mezzo-forte). The score features various musical notations such as slurs, accents, and articulation marks.

Flute 1
2
10
mf

Oboe 1
2
mf

B♭ Clt 1
2
mf

Bssn 1
2
10
mf

Hn 1
2
f

Hn 3
4

B♭ Tpt 1
2
3
10

Tbns. 1
2
3
mf

Tbn
10
mf

Timp.
10

Sl. Bells

Chimes

Glock
10

Harp
10
mf

Trbl 1
2
10

S-A
10
f Tis the time of year for our Mer-ry Christ-mas cheer, Time to count our bless-ings as we face the com-ing year, May the

T-B
10
f Tis the time of year for our Mer-ry Christ-mas cheer, Time to count our bless-ings as we face the com-ing year, May the

Vln. 1
2
mf

Vla.
mf

Vcl.
mf

Cb.
10
mf

15

Flute 1
2

Oboe 1
2

B \flat Clt 1
2

Bssn 1
2

Hn 1
2

Hn 3
4

B \flat Tpt 1
2
3

Tbns. 1
2
3

Tbn
3

Tb.
15

Timp.
15

Sl. Bells

Chimes
15

Glock
15

Harp
15

Trbl 1
2

S-A
15
sing.
loved ones we hold dear gath - er near, As we raise a glass of was - sail and we sing. We sing. With a hey non - ny no, here's to

T-B
15
loved ones dear gath - er near, As we raise a was-sail and we sing With a hey non - ny no, here's to

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.
15

Vcl.
15

Cb.
15

15

mf

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

Flute 1
2

Oboe 1
2

B \flat Clt 1
2

Bssn 1
2

Hn 1
2

Hn 3
4

B \flat Tpt 1
2
3

Tbns. 1
2
3

Tb.

Timp.

Sl. Bells

Chimes

Glock

Harp

Trbl 1
2

S-A

T-B

Vln. 1
2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

20

mf

f

an - gels in the snow, Here's to sleigh rides and to sweet - hearts stand - ing 'neath the mis - tle - toe, Here's to peace and love and

an - gels in the snow, Here's to sleigh rides and to sweet - hearts stand - ing 'neath the mis - tle - toe, Here's to peace and love and

20

Flute 1
24

Oboe 1
24

B♭ Clt 1
24

Bssn 1
24

Hn 1
24

Hn 3
4

B♭ Tpt 1
24

B♭ Tpt 2
3

Tbns. 1
24

Tbn 2
3

Tb.
24

Timp.
24

Sl. Bells
24

Chimes
24

Glock
24

Harp
24

Trbl 1
24

S-A
24
bless-ings from a - bove, Here's to wish-ing you the merr-i - est of Christ-mas times!

T-B
24
bless ings from a bove, Here's to wish ing you the merr-i - est of Christ mas times! In the

Vln. 1
24

Vln. 2
24

Vla.
24

Vcl.
24

Cb.
24

30

Flute 1
2

Oboe 1
2

B♭ Clt 1
2

Bssn 1
2

Hn 1
2

Hn 3
4

B♭ Tpt 1
2
3

Tbns. 1
2
3

Tb.

Timp.

Sl. Bells

Chimes

Glock

Harp

Trbl 1
2

S-A

T-B

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

Yule - tide

old town square, friends and neigh-bors ev' - yr - where Call out "Mer - ry Christ-mas" to let oth - ers know they care.

30

34 *mp*

Flute 1
2

Oboe 1
2 *mp*

B \flat Clt 1
2 *mp*

Bssn 1
2 *mp*

Hn 1
2 *mp*

Hn 3
4 *mp*

B \flat Tpt 1
2
3 34

Tbns. 1
2
3

Tbn 1
2
3 34

Timp. 34

Sl. Bells

Chimes 34

Glock 34

Harp 34

Trbl 1
2 34

S-A 34
As the car-o-lers on the cor - nerstart to sing... Fa-la-la - la - la.
mus - ic sweet and fair, fills the air, As the car - o lers start to sing... Fa-la-la - la -
As the cor-o-lers on the cor - nerstart to sing... Fa-la-la - la -

T-B 34
As the car o lers start to sing... Fa - la-la - la - la. La - la.

Vln. 1 *mf* *pizz.*

Vln. 2 *mf* *pizz.*

Vla. *mf* *pizz.*

Vcl. *mf* *pizz.*

Cb. *mf* *pizz.*

34

43

Flute 1
2

Oboe 1
2

B \flat Clt 1
2

Bsn 1
2

43

Hn 1
2

Hn 3
4

B \flat Tpt 1
2
3

43

Tbns. 1
2
3

Tb.

43

Timp.

43

Sl. Bells

Chimes

43

Glock

43

Harp

43

Trbl 1
2

43

S-A

43

T-B

43

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

43

Fa - la - la - la - la. Fa - la - la - la - la - la. Fa - la - la - la - la.

la. Fa - la - la - la - la. Fa - la - la - la - la. La - la. As the church bells tell the

la. Fa - la - la - la - la. Fa - la - la - la - la. La - la.

Fa - la - la - la - la. La - la. Fa - la - la - la - la. la Fa - la - la - la - la. As the 46 church bells tell the

mf *div. arco/pizz.*

mf *div. arco/pizz.*

mf *div. arco/pizz.*

mf *div. arco/pizz.*

mf *(pizz.)*

66

Flute 1
2

Oboe 1
2

B \flat Clt 1
2

Bssn 1
2

Hn 1
2

Hn 3
4

B \flat Tpt 1
2
3

Tbns. 1
2
3

Tbn

Tb.

Timp.

Sl. Bells

Chimes

Glock

Harp

Trbl 1
2

S-A

T-B

Vln. 1
2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

p

mf

p

f

f

mf

f

f

mf

mf

mf

mf

Glo - ri - a. in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo-ry, Glo-ry Glo-ry, Glo-ri-a.
 Glo-ri-a in-ex-cel-sis De-o, in-ex-cel-sis De-o. Glo-ry Glo-ri-a. In-ex-cel-sis De-o. Glo-ri-a.

66

78

Flute 1
76

Oboe 1
2

B♭ Clt 1
2

Bssn 1
2
76

78

Hn 1
2

Hn 3
4

B♭ Tpt 1
76

B♭ Tpt 2
3
76

Tbns. 1

Tbn 2
3

Tb.
76

mf

mf

mf

mf

78

Timp.
76

Sl. Bells

Chimes
76

Glock
76

Harp
76

Trbl 1
2
76

S-A
76

T-B
76

Glo-ry, Glo-ry, Glo-ri-a.

Glo-ry Glo-ri-a.

78

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.
76

v v

sim.

v v

sim.

94

Flute 1
2

Oboe 1
2

B♭ Clt 1
2

Bssn 1
2

Hn 1
2

Hn 3
4

B♭ Tpt 1
2

Tbns. 1
2
3

Tb.

Timp.

Sl. Bells

Chimes

Glock

Harp

Trbl 1
2

S-A

T-B

Vln. 1
2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

94

Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo - ri - a.

ex - - - cel - sis. De - o. Glo - - - ri - - - a. Glo - ry, - Glo - ry,
As we raise a glass of was-sail and we

fi - re as the snow falls to the ground. With our loved ones gath-ered 'round joy is found, As we raise a was-sail glass and

fi - re as the snow falls to the ground. With our loved ones gath-ered 'round joy is found, As we raise a glass of was-sail and we

(8^{va})

94

105

Flute 1
103

Oboe 1
2

B♭ Clt 1
2

Bssn 1
2
103

105

Hn 1
2

Hn 3
4

B♭ Tpt 1

B♭ Tpt 2
3
103

Tbns. 1

Tbn 2
3

Tb.
103

(Stay back!)
mp

(Stay back!)
mp

f

105

Timp.
103

Sl. Bells

Chimes

Glock
103

Harp
103

Trbl 1
2
103

S-A
103

T-B
103

103

Glo - ri - a. With a hey non - ny - no here's to an - gels in the snow. Here's to sing.

sing. With a hey non - ny - no, here's to an - gels in the snow. Here's to

sing. With a hey non - ny - no, here's to an - gels in the snow. Here's to

105

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.
103

f

f

f

107

Flute 1
2

Oboe 1
2

B♭ Clt 1
2

Bsn 1
2

Hn 1
2

Hn 3
4

B♭ Tpt 1
2
3

Tbns. 1
2
3

Tb.

Timp.

Sl. Bells

Chimes

Glock

Harp

Trbl 1
2

S-A

T-B

Vln. 1
2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

107

107 sleigh rides and to sweet-hearts stand - ing 'neath the mis - tle - toe, Here's to peace and love and bless-ings from a - bove, Here's to

107 sleigh rides and to sweet-hearts stand - ing 'neath the mis - tle - toe, Here's to peace and love and bless-ings from a - bove, Here's to

107 sleigh rides and to sweet-hearts stand - ing 'neath the mis - tle - toe, Here's to peace and love and bless-ings from a - bove, Here's to

107

V V V V V V V V

107

116

Flute 1 2 *mf* *cresc.*

Oboe 1 2 *mf* *cresc.*

B♭ Clt 1 2 *mf* *cresc.*

Bsn 1 2 116 *mf* *cresc.*

Hn 1 2 *mf*

Hn 3 4 *mf*

B♭ Tpt 1 *f cresc.*

B♭ Tpt 2 3 116 *f cresc.*

Tbns. 1 *mf* *cresc.*

Tbn 2 3 *mf* *cresc.*

Tb. 116 *mf* *cresc.*

Timp. 116 *f*

Sl. Bells *f cresc.*

Chimes 116

Glock 116

Harp 116 *f cresc.*

Trbl 1 2 116 *f* Here's to wish - ing you the merr - i - est of Christ mas

S-A *solos* *tutti* 116 Fa - la - la - la. *f* Here's to wish - ing you the merr - i - est of Christ - - - - - mas

T-B *solos* *tutti* 116 Fa - la - la - la. *f* Here's to wish - ing you the merr - i - est of Christ - - - - - mas

Vln. 1 *mp* *mf* *cresc.*

Vln. 2 *mp* *mf* *cresc.*

Vla. *mp* *mf* *cresc.*

Vcl. *mp* *mf* *cresc.*

Cb. *mf* *cresc.*

116

