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A CHRISTMAS CAROL FOR CHORUS.

Moderato. Written and composed by FRANK J. SAWYER, Mus. Doc.

SOPRANO.
ALTO.
TENOR.
BASS.

mf

'Twas in the old - en times of yore, A gi - ant great did

Moderato.
Ch. *p stacc.* Gt. *mf*

PIANO
or
ORGAN.

dwel, Hard by the mighty riv - er's brink, As I did once hear tell. His name it was e'en

Of - fer - us, And he with might and main Did swear to serve the great - est King That

on the earth did reign. He call - ed to the her-mit wise, And ask'd the ho - ly man To

He called the her-mit wise,

mp *f* *mp* *f* *Sw. p* *Gt. f*

say of all the monarchs great, Who was the greatest one?

The ho - ly her - mit an - swer'd him In so - lemn voice and low, "Thou ask - est that I

will to thee The greatest monarch show? No mighty man, no valiant knight, No warlike deeds I

sing; The mightiest monarch of the earth Is Jesus Christ, our King, is Jesus Christ, our King."

mf *mf* *Sv. pp stacc.* *p* *Sv. p* *Reeds.* *sf* *sf* *sf* *f* *Gt. f*

(2)

Then sware the gi - ant un - to him That Christ should be his Lord, And all his gi - ant

strength should be O - be - dient to His word.

“Then see thou here this riv - er ford,” The ho - ly man did say ; “Here shalt thou dwell and

work for Him By night as well as day. And when to thee His ser - vants come Thou

mf *Ch.* *pp stacc.* *ten.* *Ch.* *Sw. 15th.* *p* *mf* *stacc.* *mf* *Ch.* *mf* *piu f*

(3)

shalt up-on thy back A-cross the stream e'en car-ry them, And thou shalt no-thing

lack. And so great Of-fer-us did work To serve the great-est King, Un-
And so he work'd To serve the great-est King, *pp*

Sw. *add 16ft.* *pp Sw.*

Ch.

- til up-on one Christmas eve There chanc'd of what I sing.

Ch. *Sw.* *15th.* *16ft.* *tr* *pp Ch. Solo.*

p A ti-ny child un-to him came And "Of-fer-us," did call, "Come take me o'er the

p

Soft Sw. *Gt. Clarib. with Sw.*

(4)

marcato.

stream to-night Up-on thy shoulders tall." The floods did rage, the storm wind blew, Yet on the gi-ant

Full. Sw. *marcato.*

pesante. *p*

strode, And bore the child across the stream, Tho' heavy seem'd his load, tho' hea-vy seem'd his load.

p pesante.

Slower. *Vivace.* *f*

And heav-ier still it did become, Till on the far-ther bank No child he bore, but

Slower. *f Vivace.*

with 16 ft.

f *mf* *f*

Christ, the Lord, Who thus His ser-vant thank'd:—"Well hast thou work'd, my ser-vant bold, To

f

(5)

serve thy mighty Lord ! Well hast thou earn - ed of His hand To meet a rich re -

- ward. In faith-ful life thy days be spent To toil and work for Me, And this for all thy

pa - tient care, Thy blessing now shalt be : No longer shalt thou bear the name Of sim - ple Of - fer -

No long - er

- us ; But as thou didst thy Sa - viour bare, Be call - ed Christ - oph - er - us.

mf *rit.* *lento.* *f* *ff* *lento.*

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