

COVENTRY CAROL

SA Voices with Piano

English Carol

Arranged by
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Part-by-Part 

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Ranges:



Language: English
Use: Holiday
Time: Approx. 2:53
*Difficulty: Moderate

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Notes

Coventry Carol was first performed during the sixteenth Century in Coventry, England as a part of the Pageant of the Shearman and Tailors. It was a lament by the mothers of children taken in the Biblical "Slaughter of the Innocents". Robert Croo is credited with writing the lyrics in 1534, and the music was written by an unknown composer in 1591. The original manuscript of Robert Croo's poem lasted until a fire destroyed it in 1879.

The underlying mixed meter feeling of this arrangement is meant to help the piece build momentum to the third verse, helping to tell the tragic story depicted in the poem.

About the Arranger

Noah Reese has taught middle school for over ten years. He began singing and playing the piano at an early age and started composing music in high school. He has composed four pieces for the Texas middle school UIL Concert and Sight-Reading contest published through RBC music.

Noah earned his B.A. in Music Education from Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg, PA. He enjoys teaching, composing and singing with the Texas Master Chorale.

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Bye bye, — lul - ly, lul - lay.

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17

mp Lul - ly, — lul - lay, thou lit - tle ti - ny child.

mp Lul - ly — lul - lay, thou lit - tle ti - ny

21

Bye bye, — lul - ly, lul - lay.

child. Lul - ly, lul - lay.

25

mf

O sis - ters_ too, how may we

mf

O sis - sters too, how may we _____ do,

29

do to___ pre - serve___ this day.

do to___ pre - serve___ this day.

33

mf

mp

This poor_ young - ling for whom we_ do sing,

This poor_ young - ling for whom we_ do

37

“Bye bye, lul - ly, lul - lay?”

sing, “Lul - ly, lul - lay.”

f

41

f He - rod the king in his rag - ing,

f He - rod the king in his rag - ing,

45

char - ged he hath this day.

char - ged he hath this day.

49 *ff*

His men_ of might in his_ own

ff

His men_ of might

52

sight all young chil - dren to

in his_ own sight chil - dren to

55 *mf*

slay. Lul - ly, lul - lay,

slay. Lul - ly lul -

mf

59 **rit.** *f* **rit.**

lul - ly, lul - lay. Bye bye, lul - ly, lul -

lay, lul - lay. Bye bye, lul - ly, lul -

63 **a tempo** **rit.**

lay.

lay. **a tempo** **rit.**

p

67 *pp* **rit.**

Bye bye, lul - ly, lul - lay.

pp Bye bye, lul - ly, lul - lay.

