

Huron Carol

Traditional

Brian W. Jagger

for

SATB

and

Piano

Perussal
Score

Program Notes

The Huron Carol has been attributed to the Jesuit Jean de Breb uf who is thought to have written the words in the early 1640's to the tune of a folk song, *Une Jeune Pucelle*. As with many Christian impositions on First Nations people and culture, the song has a questionable past. I refer you to the following sites for more information on the history of the piece:

<http://anishinabeknews.ca/2014/12/20/huron-carol-canadas-first-christmas-song/>

<https://www.united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/unwrapping-huron-carol>

<https://broadview.org/the-complex-history-of-the-huron-carol/>

I chose to arrange this piece for choir because of the haunting melody, and also in the hopes that anyone who performs it would investigate further into its history, as well as the history of our First Nations people.

About the Composer

Brian W. Jagger is a Canadian composer born and raised in Hamilton, Ontario. Growing up, he was exposed to many styles of music, from "Classical" to The Ink Spots and Nat King Cole to New Wave. As part of his local church choir, he learned to hear the harmonies and relationships of the different voices in the choir, and as a tuba player in school, he learned to appreciate the importance of the lower realms of the music world.

Brian has played piano since the age of 5, working his way through the Royal Conservatory and into university. While at university, he studied piano performance and composition, earning his Bachelor of Music degree from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. From there, he continued studying composition at the University of British Columbia and the University of Michigan, earning his Master of Music and Doctor of the Musical Arts. Over the years, Brian studied composition with John Burge and Clifford Crawley (Queen's), Keith Hamel (UBC), and George Wilson, Leslie Bassett and William Albright (U of M).

Brian has written for many different ensembles, including orchestra, string quartet, concert band, solo piano, and electronics, and has won two CBC Young Composer awards and one SOCAN Young Composers award.

Apart from composing, Brian teaches piano and theory lessons, and is the Music Director and Conductor for the Top Hat Marching Orchestra, the Albertones Senior Men's Choir and the Pinetones Senior's Choir. Brian and his wife Leah reside in Burlington, Ontario, where he enjoys playing in the best band in the area, Bliss.

Commissions

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$\text{♩} = 56$

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano

p

mf

p

7

S

A

T

B

Piano

in the moon of win - ter - time when all the birds had fled. That might - y Gi - tchi

That might - y Gi - tchi

12 *mp*

S Be - fore their light the stars grew dim,

A Ma - ni - tou sent an - gel choirs in - stead. *mp* Be - fore their light the stars grew dim, and

T Ma - ni - tou sent an - gel choirs in - stead. Be - fore their light the stars grew dim, and *mp*

B and

Piano

17 **A** *mf*

S wand - ering hunt - ers heard the hymn.

A wand - ering hunt - ers heard the hymn.

T wand - ering hunt - ers heard the hymn.

B wand - ering hunt - ers heard the hymn. Je - sus your King is born Je - sus is

Piano

22 *mf* *f* **B** *p*

S in ex - cel - sis glor - i - a. Ah.

A in ex - cel - sis glor - i - a. Ah.

T in ex - cel - sis glor - i - a. *mp* With - in a lodge of bro - ken bark the

B born in ex - cel - sis glor - i - a. *mp* With - in a lodge of bro - ken bark the

Piano *mf* *f*

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S Ah.

A Ah.

T ten - der babe was found. A rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en - wrapped his beau - ty

B ten - der babe was found. A rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en - wrapped his beau - ty

Piano

32 *mp* *f*

S — as the braves nigh the an - gel song rang loud and high.

A — as the braves nigh an - gel song.

T *mf* *f*
round. But as the hun - ter braves drew nigh, the an - gel song rang loud and high.

B *mp* *f*
round. as the braves nigh the an - gel song rang loud and high.

Piano

37 **C** *f* *mp*

S in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a.

A *f* Je - sus your King is born Je - sus is born in ex - cel - sis glo - - a. The *mp*

T in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a.

B *f* in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a.

Piano *mf*

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43 **D** *mp*

S The earl - iest moon of win - ter - time is not so round and

A earl - iest moon of win - ter - time is not so round and fair. As

T The earl - iest moon of win - ter - time is

B The earl - iest moon of

Piano

47

S fair. As was the ring of glo - ry on the help - less in - fant

A was the ring of glo - ry on the help - less in - fant there.

T not so round and fair. As was the ring of glo - ry on the

B win - ter - time is not so round and fair. As was the ring of

Piano

51

S there. *mf* The chiefs from far be -

A *mf* The chiefs from far be -

T help - less in - fant there. *mf* The chiefs from far be -

B glo - ry on the help - less in - fant there. The chiefs from far be -

Piano

55

S - fore him knelt, with gifts of fox and bea - ver pelt. **E**

A - fore him knelt, gifts of fox and bea - ver pelt. *p*

T - fore him knelt, with gifts of fox and bea - ver pelt. Je - sus your King is born,

B - fore him knelt, gifts of fox and bea - ver pelt.

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S *mp* in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a. *f* F *mp* Oo.

A *mp* in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a. *f* *mp* Oo.

T *mp* Je - sus is born in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a. *f* *mf* O chil - dren of the

B *mp* Je - sus is born in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a. *f* *mp* Oo.

Piano

65

S *mf* fo - rest free Oo. *mp* Ma - ni - tou. Oo.

A fo - rest free, O sons of Ma - ni - tou. Ma - ni - tou. Oo.

T fo - rest free, O sons of Ma - ni - tou. The ho - ly child of

B Ma - ni - tou. Oo.

Piano

69 *mf* *mp* *mf*

S earth and heaven is born Oo. Come kneel be - fore the

A born to - day for you. *mf* ra - diant

T earth and heaven is born to - day for you. Come kneel be - fore the *mp*

B ra - diant

Piano

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S ra - diant boy, Who brings you beau - ty peace and joy.

A boy. Who brings you beau - ty peace and joy.

T ra - diant boy, beau - ty peace and joy.

B boy. beau - ty peace and joy.

Piano

G

77 *f* *sub. p*

S Je - sus your King is born, Je - - sus is born, in ex -

A Je - sus your King is born, Je - - sus is born, in ex -

T Je - sus your King is born, Je - - sus is born, in ex -

B Je - sus your King is born, Je - - sus is born, in ex -

Piano *f* *p*

82 *ff*

S - cel - sis Glo - - ri - - a.

A - cel - sis Glo - - ri - - a.

T - cel - sis Glo - - ri - - a.

B - cel - sis Glo - - ri - - a.

Piano *ff*