

# Twas the Night Before Christmas

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*Barcarolle - ( in 2)*

Solo

Tenors

Basses

Loo,—

Loo,—

4

A

Solo

T

B

Twas the night be-fore Christ-mas and all thru the house,

7

Solo

T

B

Not a crea-ture was stir-ring, not e - ven a mouse.——

Loo,—

10

Solo

The stock-ings were hung by the chimney with care,

13

Solo

In hope that Saint Nich - o - las soon would be there. ———

Loo, —

16

B

Solo

The child-ren were nest-led all snug in their wee lit - tle

loo, —

loo, —

19

Solo

beds, Loo, loo, loo, loo loo, loo While vi-sions of su-garplums

T

loo

B

22

Solo

danced in their wee lit-tle heads.

T

B

Ma -

25

Solo

T

Lop, loo, loo, loo loo, loo, Had just set-tled

ma in her ker-chief and I in my cap,

28

Solo

T

B

for a long ————— win-ter's

lob long win - ter's

down for a long long win - ter's

31

Solo

T

B

*rall.*

*C Lively*

nap. *rall.*

nap. Loo, ————— *rall.*

nap.

35

Solo

T

B

**D**

When out on the lawn there a - rose such a clat-ter

39

Solo

I sprang from my bed to see what was the mat-ter,

43

Solo

A - way to the win-dow I flew like a flash, tore

47

Solo

o - pen the shut - ter threw o - pen the sash.

50 E

Solo

T

B

When what to my won - der - ing eyes should ap -

54

Solo

T

B

pear but a min - ia - ture sleigh, and eight

58

Solo

T

B

ti - ny rein - deer.

61 **F**

Solo

T

B

With a lit - tle old driv - er so live - ly and

66

Solo

quick, that I knew right a - way that it

70

Solo

T

B

must be Saint Nick.

74

Solo

T

B

G

More ra - pid than ea - gles his cours - ers they

78

Solo

T

B

came, And he whis-tled and shout-ed and called them by name:

Now,

83

Solo

T

B

Now, Danc - er! On,

Dash - er! Now, Danc - er! Now, Pranc - er! Now, Vix - en! On,

-8-



H

87

Solo

T

B

Com - et! On, Cu - pid! On, Don - ner and Blitz - en!

Com - et! On, Cu - pid! On, Don - ner and Blitz - en!

91

Solo

T

B

To the top of the porch, to the top of the

97

Solo

T

B

wall! Dash a - way, Dash a - way,

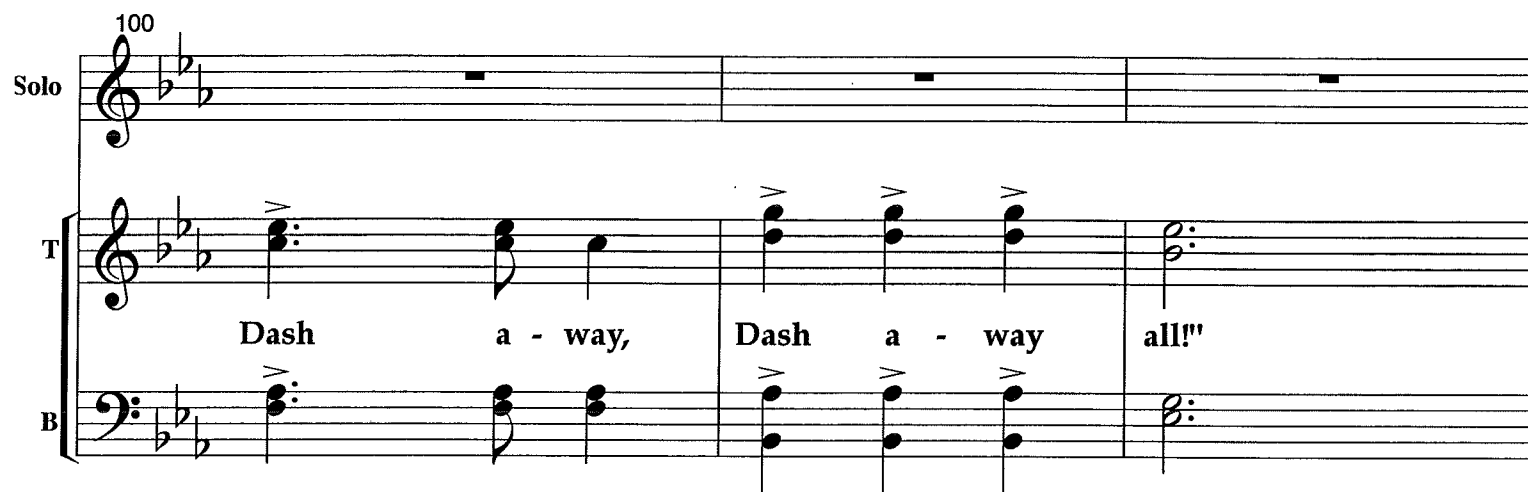
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Solo

T

B

Dash a - way, Dash a - way all!"



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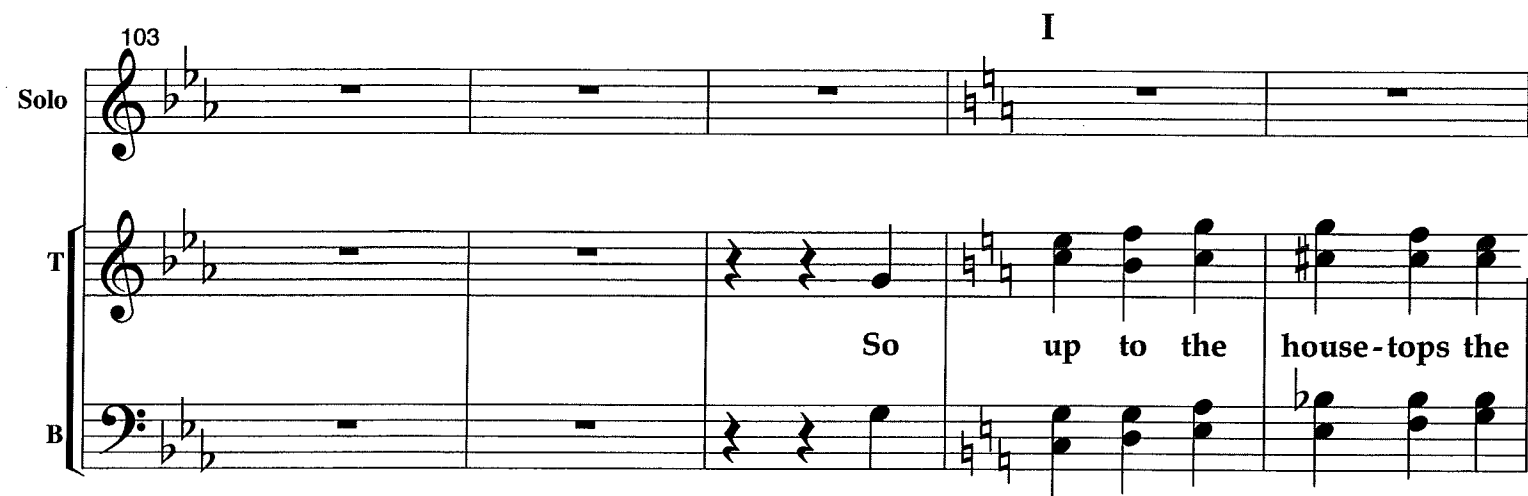
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T

B

I

So up to the house-tops the



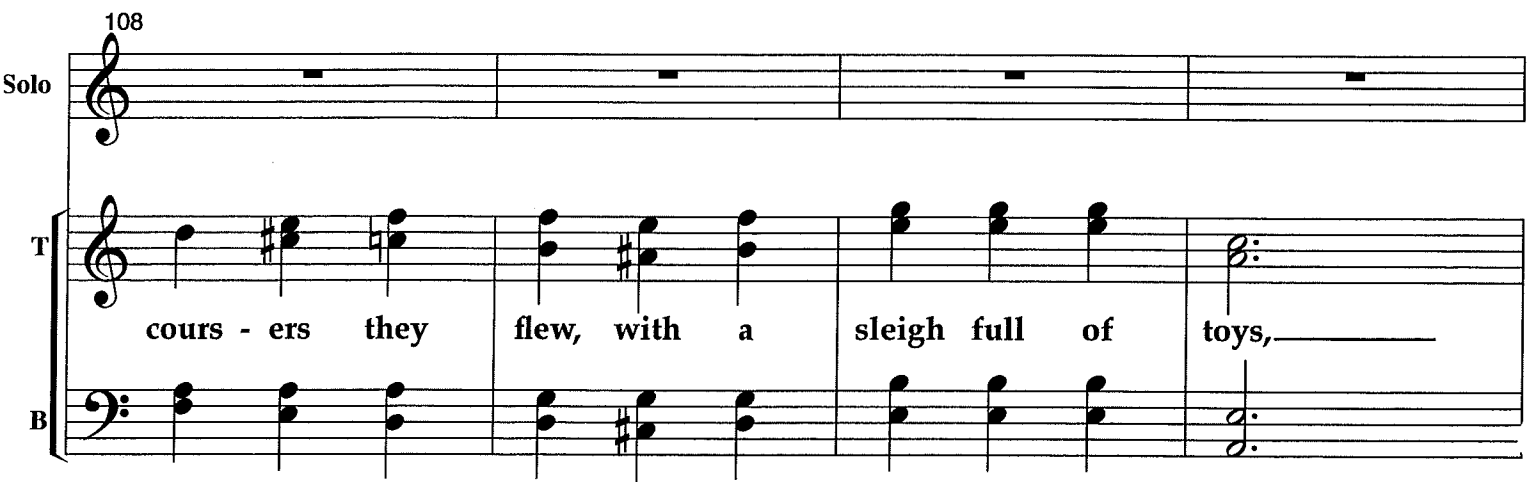
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Solo

T

B

cours - ers they flew, with a sleigh full of toys, \_\_\_\_\_



112

Solo

T

B

and Saint Nich - o - las too.

115

Solo

T

B

And then in a twinkling I

120

Solo

T

B

heard on the roof all the clat - ter - ing noise

124

Solo

T

B

of each gal - lop - ing hoof.

127

Solo

T

B

All bun-dled in fur from his

J

132

Solo

T

B

head to his foot, His clothes were all tar - nished with

136

Solo

T

B

ash - es and soot. I drew in my

139

Solo

T

B

head and was turn - ing a - round, When

142

Solo

T

B

down the chim - ney he came with a

145 K

Solo

T

bound!

B

152 L

Solo

T

His eyes how they twinkled,

twink-led and twink-led so

B

156

Solo

T

His dim - ples how mer - ry

gay. mer - ry, how mer - ry were

B

157

Solo

His cheeks were like ro - ses

T

they. ro - ses when kissed by the

B

158

Solo

His nose like a cher - ry

T

sun.

B

cher - ry all wrink - led with

159

Solo

His droll lit-tle mouth was drawn uplike a bow

T

loo loo loo loo was drawn uplike a bow.

B

fun.

161

Solo

The beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

T

The beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

B

The beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

163

M1

M2

Solo

The stump of a lit - tle old

T

The stump of a lit - tle old

B

The stump of a lit - tle old

166

Solo

pipe he held tight in his teeth and the

T

pipe he held tight in his teeth and the

B

pipe he held tight in his teeth and the



169

Solo

T

B

smoke went around and a - round and a - round his

171

Solo

T

B

head like a wreath. he was so jol - ly and

174

Solo

T

B

plump, a right jol - ly old, jol - ly old

176

Solo

T

B

elf. And I laughed, and I laughed and I

178

Solo

T

B

laughed when I saw him in spite of my - self. He

181

N

Solo

T

B

had a round face, Ho! Ho! Ho! And a

183

Solo

T

lit - tle round bel-ly, Hee! Hee! Hee! That shook when he laughed,

B

186

Solo

T

Ho! Ho! Ho! Like a bowl full of jel - ly

B

188

Solo

T

Ha! Ha! Ha! He gave me a wink of his

B

190

Solo

T

B

eye and a twist of his head; A

193

Solo

T

B

chuck - le and a smile I knew all the while I had

195

Solo

T

B

O *Slow*

no - thing to dread.

no word,

198

Solo

But west ~~right~~ to his work. He filled all the stockings

200

Solo

and turned with a jerk. And lay-ing a fin - ger a - side of his nose,

203

Solo

And giv - ing a nod, up the chim - ney he

T

B

204

Solo

rose.

T

Oh

B

209 **P**

**Solo**

**T**

**B**

**Excitedly**

Hęprango hissleigh, to his

213

**Solo**

**T**

**B**

team gave a whistle, And a-way they all flew like the

215

**Solo**

**T**

**B**

down of a thist-le. But I heard him exclaim as he

Q1

217

Solo

T

B

drove out of sight,

Mer - ry Christmas to all and to

219

Solo

T

B

all good - night.

224

Solo

T

B

loo,

'Tis the

night af - ter Christ-mas and all thru the house, Not a creature is

stir-ring not e - ven a mouse. The

pres-ents are scat-tered and broken I fear, and Saint Nich - o - las

won't come a - gain for a year. The



240

S

Solo

chil - dren are nes - tled all snug in their wee lit - tle

T

Loo, \_\_\_\_\_

loo, \_\_\_\_\_

B

242

Solo

beds.

Loo, loo, loo, loo loo,

loo,

While

T

loo, \_\_\_\_\_

B

244

Solo

mem-'ries of sug - ar plums dance in their wee lit - tle heads. \_\_\_\_\_

T

B

247

T

Solo

Ma - ma in her ker-chief, Pa - pa in his cap,

for a

250

Solo

are set - tled at last

for a

252

Solo

long win-ter's nap. Oo - oo - oo.

long win-ter's nap. Oo - oo - oo.

long long win-ter's nap.