The Danish Julegudstjeneste in St. Louis (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English. Brand new Book. The fairy tales of Hans Christian Andersen (1805-1875) are often the image evoked when the arts and intellectual life of Denmark are touched upon. Andersen's literary work, though, is only a very small part of a large body of fine artistic and intellectual endeavor from that small Scandinavian nation. Other activities that are internationally appreciated include: the philosophy of the very influential Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855); the production of ballets; and the creation of serious music including the work of Carl Nielsen (1865-1931) and some notable nineteenth-century ballet music. The Danes have produced their share of good Christmas carols. There are several Christmas songs of note from Denmark. "Barn Jesus," ("Child Jesus"), a mid-nineteenth-century carol, has lyrics by none other than Hans Christian Andersen and music by one of Denmark's most famous composers, Niels Wilhelm Gade (18171890); "Deilig er den himmel blaa" ("Lovely is the Dark Blue Sky") pairs words by Nicolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig (1783-1872) with a modem Danish folk tune; and "Det kimer nu til Julefest" ("The Happy Christmas Comes Once More") combines another set of lyrics by Grundtvig with music by Carl C....

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