Noel Peace Canon will be a delightful addition to your Christmas repertoire. Seamlessly weaving the beloved “Dona Nobis Pacem” (with a fresh seasonal text) with “The First Noel,” the two meld together beautifully. The Canon is introduced first, then is quoted throughout the Carol until the song builds dramatically to the statement “Born is the King who will bring us peace,” and then concludes with another statement of the Canon.

In rehearsal, pay careful attention to the dynamic indications so that the song builds to its apex and then eases down to the thoughtful ending. Observe the rests so that diction, phrasing, and ending consonants are consistent and unified. If you are singing the Canon melody, or an implication of it, bring that out, but be careful not to overwhelm the Carol melody. At the end, close to the “m” of “pacem” and continue to soften down so that the piano “solo” of the last four measures and the last chord can be heard even though the piano softens to pp.

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NOEL PEACE CANON
for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied*

Words incorporate DONA NOBIS PACEM (traditional) and THE FIRST NOEL (traditional English carol)

Arranged by
RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM

Peacefully (= ca. 88)

ACC accomp.

mp

SOPRANO / ALTO

Dona

Bis

pa-

cem.

Bring us peace this Christmas time.

* To purchase a full-length performance recording (42539) of this piece, go to alfred.com/downloads.

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time. The first Noel, the

an angel did say was to certain poor

Noel, Noel, Noel, to certain poor shep
shepherds in fields as they lay;

fields where they lay keeping their

Novel, Novel, keeping their

fields where they lay keeping their
sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel.
Born is the King who will bring us peace.

Do not bis - - - -
Pa cem, pa cem. Bring us peace this
pa cem, pa cem. Bring us peace this
- bis pa cem. Bring us peace this

Christ mas time. Do na
Christ mas time. Do na
Christ mas time. Do na

Do na no bis
Do na no bis
Do na no bis

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