

For the DeKalb High School Madrigal Singers  
DeKalb, Illinois  
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# So Now Is Come Our Joyful Feast

George Wither (1588-1667) *alt.*

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**Allegro** (M.M. ♩ = c. 108)

*Male or female solo (or soli on alternate phrases)*

So now is come our joy - ful feast, Let ev - 'ry one be jol - ly; Each room with i - vy

*(Dynamics as suitable to the venue)*

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leaves is dressed, And ev - 'ry post with hol - ly. Though some churls at our mirth re - pine,

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Round your fore-heads gar - lands twine, Drown sor - row in a *rit.* this cup so fine, *Tutti a tempo* And let us all be mer - ry!

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Now all our neigh - bors chim - neys smoke, And

*Hand clap*

Zum Zum Zum Zum Zum Zum

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Christ - mas blocks are burn - ing; Their o - vens they with meats are choked, And all their spits are

Zum Zum Zum Zum Zum

*Tutti rit.*

29 *Solo*

turn - ing. With - out the door let sor - row lie, And if for cold it hap to die, We'll bu - ry it in a

Zum

35 *a tempo*

Christ - mas pie, And ev - er - more be mer - ry!

Hand clap Foot stamp

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Pom Pom Pom Pom Pom Pom Pom

Now ev - 'ry lad is won - drous trim, And

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Pom Pom Pom Pom Pom

no man minds his la - bor; Our las - ses have pro - vi - ded them A bag - pipe and a

51

Pom

Solo Tutti

ta - bor. Young men and maids and girls and boys, Give life to one an - oth - er's joys; And

56 *rit.*

you a - non shall by their noise Per - ceive that they are mer - ry!

rit. a tempo

you a - non shall by their noise Per - ceive that they are mer - ry!

60 *Hand clap* *Foot stamp* *Finger snap*

Hark how the wags a - broad do call Each

*Hand clap* *Foot stamp* *Finger snap*

Hark

65

o - ther forth to ramb - ling; A - non you'll see them in the hall, For

how the wags a - broad do call Each o - ther forth to ramb - ling; A -

69

nuts and ap - ples scamb - ling; Hark how the roofs with laugh - ters sound, A -

non you'll see them in the hall, For nuts and ap - ples scamb - ling; Hark

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non they'll think the house goes round; For they the cel - lar's depths have found, And

how the roofs with laugh - ters sound, A - non they'll think the house goes round; For

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there they will be mer - - - ry! And there they will be mer - ry!

they the cel - lar's depths have found, And there they will be mer - ry!

81 *Hand clap* *Foot stamp* *Finger snap* *Hand clap*

Then where - fore in these

*Hand clap* *Foot stamp* *Finger snap* *Hand clap*

86

mer - ry days Should we, I pray, be dul - ler? No, let us sing some

90

roun - de - lays To make our mirth the ful - ler. And whilst we thus in -

94

spir - ed sing, Let all the streets with e - chos ring; Woods, and hills, and

*rit.*

98

ev - 'ry - thing Bear wit - ness we are mer - ry!

*a tempo* *Hand clap*

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Bear wit - ness we are mer - ry!

*Foot stamp* *Finger snap*