Celtic Hymns for Christmas

Piano Settings

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Foreword

How amazing that a seemingly insignificant event, taking place in a small town unknown by most of the world, could have eternal implications for all of humankind. And how amazing that everywhere this story has been told, beautiful music has been written to celebrate it, in a thousand different styles.

Over the years, I have had the pleasure of writing arrangements of Christmas carols from many lands, sometimes mixing the musical "flavors" to create something new and fresh. In this collection, you'll find carols from several countries and centuries, all interpreted with the harmonic and rhythmic colors of Celtic folk music. Sometimes slow and sweet, and sometimes lively and dance-like, these carols will help you and your congregation experience the many moods of the Christmas story. May God fill your heart with joy as you celebrate the birth of Christ.

– Larry Shackley

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A Celtic Christmas Overture

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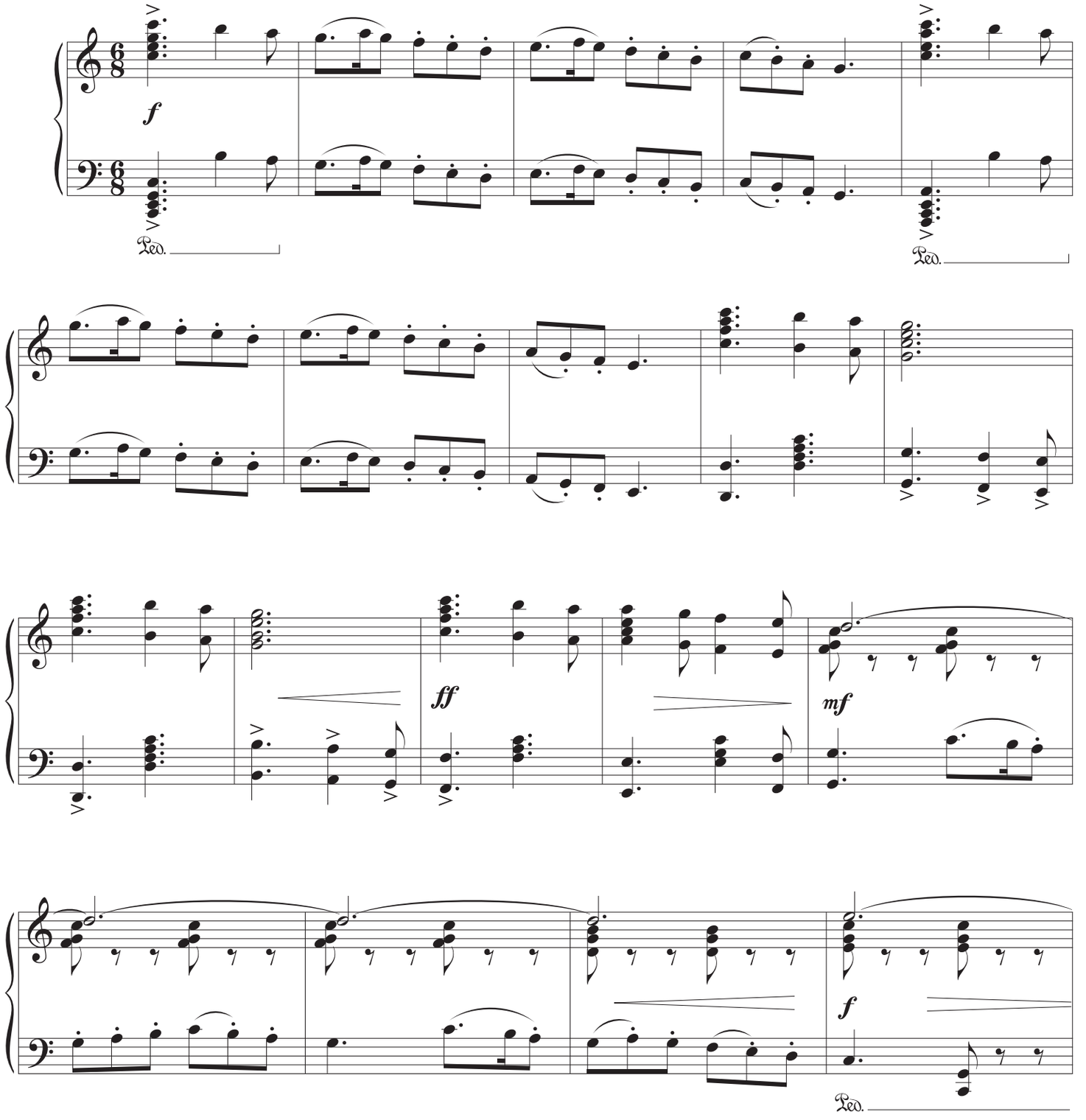

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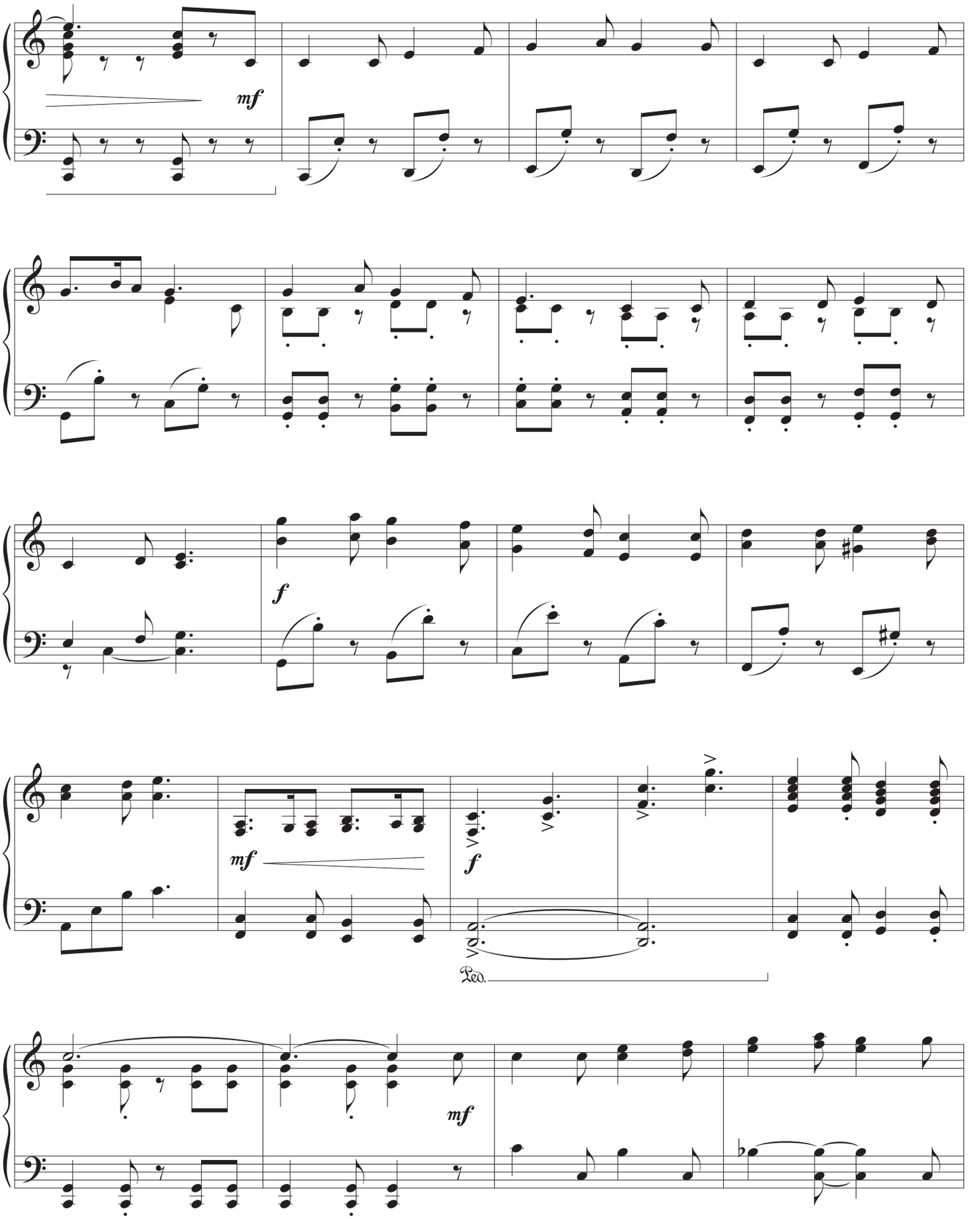
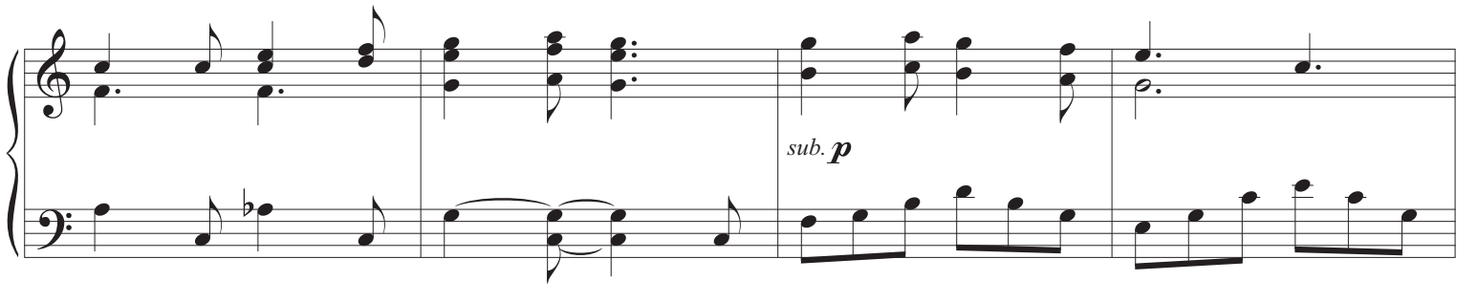
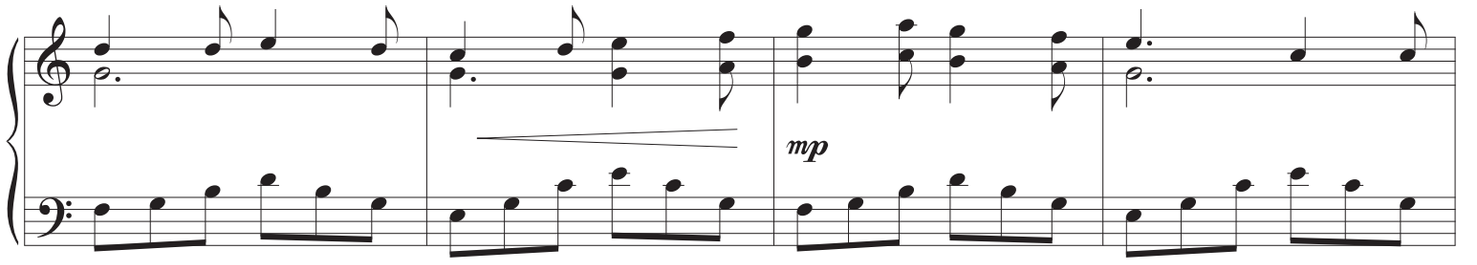
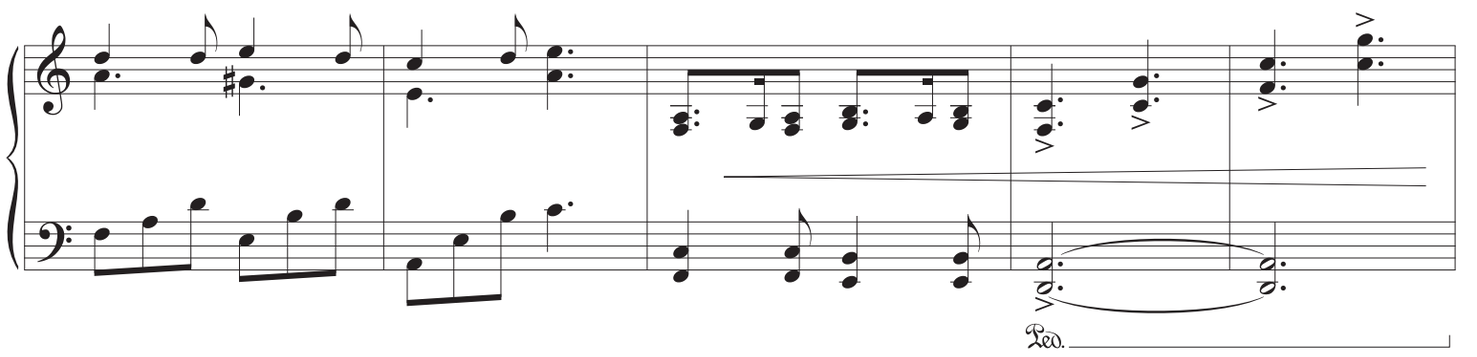
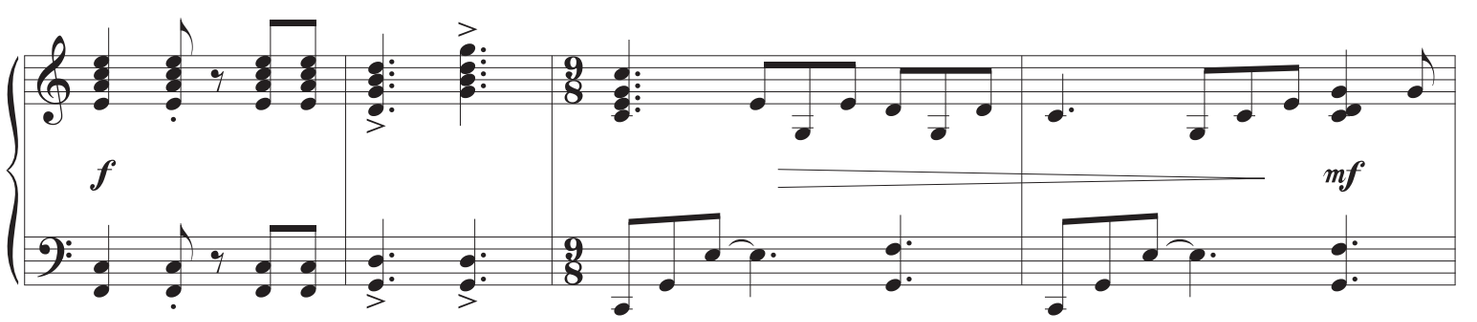
"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"
German melody, 14th c.



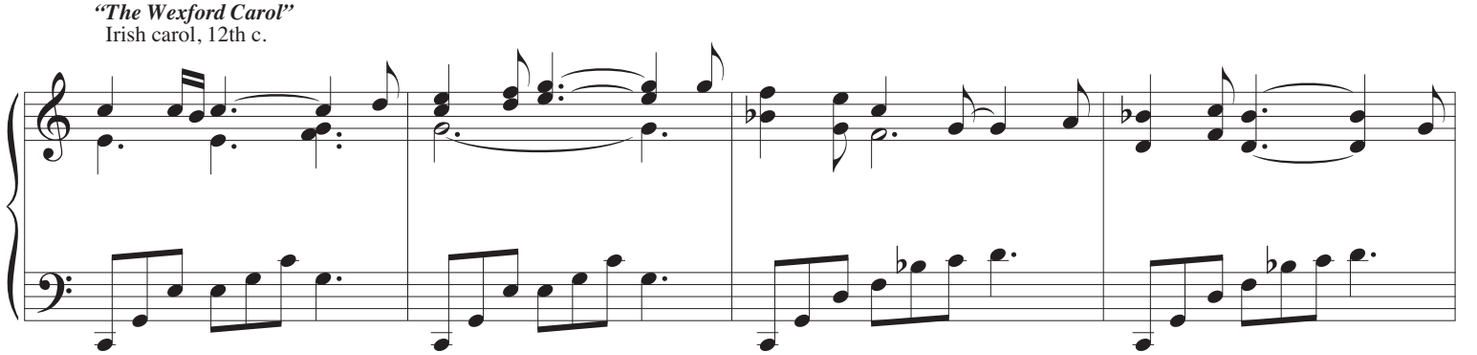








"The Wexford Carol"
Irish carol, 12th c.



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