

# The Sussex Carol

English Trad.

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harmonization by R. Vaughan Williams 1919

The musical score is arranged in three systems, each with three staves labeled 1, 2, and 3. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8. Section A (measures 1-4) features a treble clef and a soprano line with a 'V' (vibrato) marking. Section B (measures 5-8) continues the melody. Section C (measures 9-12) includes a change in time signature to 9/8 and a change in key signature to one flat (F). The score concludes with a double bar line.

On Christmas Night all Christians sing  
to hear the news the angels bring  
to hear the news the angels bring  
News of great joy, news of great mirth  
News of our merciful King's birth

When sin departs before thy grace  
then life and health come in its place  
then life and health come in its place  
Angels and men with joy may sing  
All for to see the newborn King

From out of the darkness we have light  
which made the angels sing the night  
which made the angels sing the night  
Glory to God and peace to men  
Now and forever more Amen.