

About the Composer

Laura Farnell is the head choral director at Boles Junior High School in Arlington, Texas, where she has taught since the year 2000. Under her direction, the choral program has grown to more than 230 seventh and eighth grade students. Her choirs have earned numerous awards. In 2004, she received an Excellence in Education Award as the Arlington Independent School District's outstanding junior high teacher of the year.

After graduating *Summa Cum Laude* from Baylor University with her Bachelor of Music Education in Choral Music (with a piano emphasis), Laura taught elementary music in Mansfield, Texas for two years. She has served as the middle-school vocal division secretary for the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) and is also a member in the Texas Choral Directors Association. Laura is active as an accompanist and clinician. She especially enjoys composing and arranging for middle school groups, and has publications with Alliance, Shawnee Press, Hal Leonard, Heritage, Southern Music, and Neil A. Kjos Music Company. She and her husband, Russell, are members of Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth and reside in Arlington, Texas.

Jolly Old St. Nicholas

Jolly old Saint Nicholas, lean your ear this way!
 Don't you tell a single soul what I'm going to say:
 Christmas Eve is coming soon; now, you dear old man,
 Whisper what you'll bring to me; tell me if you can.

When the clock is striking twelve, when I'm fast asleep,
 Down the chimney, tall and black, with your pack you'll creep.
 All the stockings you will find hanging in a row;
 Mine will be the shortest one, you'll be sure to know.

Johnny wants a pair of skates; Suzy wants a sled.
 Nelly wants a story book; one she has not read.
 Now, I think I'll leave to you what to give the rest.
 Choose for me, dear Santa Claus, what you know is best.

Ranges: Soprano I Soprano II Alto

The image shows three musical staves, each with a treble clef. The first staff, labeled 'Soprano I', shows a range from G4 to E5. The second staff, labeled 'Soprano II', shows a range from G4 to D5. The third staff, labeled 'Alto', shows a range from G4 to G5, with an asterisk above the final G5 note.

* Alto range is extended by a passage of unison singing.

Jolly Old St. Nicholas

for Treble Chorus (SSA) with Piano Accompaniment

Traditional text alt. L.F.

arr. Laura Farnell

Slowly, freely

mp

Soprano I
Jol - ly old Saint Ni - cho - las, lean your ear this way!

mp

Soprano II
Jol - ly old Saint Ni - cho - las, lean your ear this way!

mp

Alto
Jol - ly old Saint Ni - cho - las, lean your ear this way!

p

Piano

Slowly, freely

5 *p*

Don't you tell a sin - gle soul what I'm gon - na _____

melody

Don't you tell a sin - gle soul what I'm gon - na _____

p

5

Duration: ca. 2:40

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