

Let Us All Be Merry

Commissioned by Saddleback College Emeritus Choir

Words: George Wither (1588-1667)

Music: Catherine A. Tibbitts

Tenderly ♩ = 92

Choir

mf So,

Piano

Tenderly ♩ = 92

mp

with pedal

6

Women 1st vs. only

All sing both verses

now is come our joy-fulest feast; Let e - very man be jol - ly; Each room with i - vy
Their o - vens they with

Men 2nd vs. only

all our neigh-bors' chim-neys smoke, And Christ-mas blocks are burn-ing; Their o - vens they with

Pno.

11

Choir

leaves is drest, And e-very post with hol - y. Though
 bak'd meats choke, And all their spits are turn - ing. Out

all men sing both verses

Pno.

bak'd meats choke, And all their spits are turn - ing. Though
 Out

16

Choir

some may at our mirth re-pine, Round your fore-heads gar - - lands twine;—
 side the door let sor-row lye; And if for cold it hap to die,—

rit.

Pno.

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 side the door let sor-row lye; And if for cold it hap to die,

rit.

19 *mp a tempo* *mf* 1.

Choir
 Drown sor - row in a cup of wine, And let us all be mer - ry.
 We'll bur-y it in a Christ-mas pie, And e ver more be

Cup of wine, And let us all be mer - ry.
 Christ-mas pie, And e - ver more be

a tempo 1.

Pno.

23 2. *mp* *mf*

Choir
 mer - ry. Now
 mer - ry. Now

mf 2.

Pno.

28 *f*

Choir
 e - very lad is won - drous trim, And no man minds his la - bour; Our
 e - very lad is won - drous trim, And no man minds his la - bour; Our

Pno.

32

Choir

lass - es have pro - vi - ded them A bag - pipe and a ta - - bor.

Pno.

37

Choir

Youngmen and maids, and girls and boys, Give life to one a - noth - er's joys...

Pno.

rit.

41

Choir

a tempo

By their noise Per - ceive that they are mer - ry.

And you a-non shall by their noise _____ Per - ceive that they are mer - ry.

Pno.

mp a tempo

45

Choir

Then where-fore in these mer-ry daies should we, I pray, be dul - ler? No,

dul - ler?

Pno.

50

Choir

let us sing some round-e-layes, To make our mirth the ful - er.

Pno.

55

Choir

f And, whilst thus in-spired we sing, Let all the streets with e - choes ring, -

Pno.

rit.

59

Choir

a tempo Woods and hills, and e - very_ thing, - Bear wit - ness, Bear

ff

Pno.

a tempo

ff

62

Choir

wit - ness we are mer - ry.

wit - ness we are mer - ry.

Pno.

The image shows a musical score for a choir and piano. The score is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The choir part consists of two staves with lyrics 'wit - ness we are mer - ry.' The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat signs.