

### Carol: Make We Mery

This rollicking secular carol enjoins all to show off some special talent at a Christmas feast or else risk being put into the stocks! The words of this late mediaeval poem invoke warmth and congeniality, but also relate to the power of a “marshal in hall” to declare such a penalty. The music of this penultimate carol is quite similar to that of the suite’s second carol “Sing we all”, and it is scored for SATB choir, flute, harp, triangle and organ.

*Yet marshall = even the marshal*

*sport = game, amusement*

*festyng = feast*

*For the duration of the year 2014 only, choirs are hereby granted permission to print the accompanying score of “Make we mery” and to duplicate as many copies of it as they require for their own performances. Permission is also given them to perform this work, and those who choose to do so are asked to inform John Laing ahead of time, using my **contact page**.*