

Dutch Carol

from the CD - *Carol: A Christmas Journey* by Zola Van

The lyrics of "The Dutch Carol" are simple and seem to float upon a fragile and haunting melody. They say everything there is to say. The chorus speaks only of love.

Dutch, 1599/

Arranged by Zola Van

Amore, amore, amore, amore. Quam dulcis est amore!" ("How sweet is love!")

The musical score is for a piano arrangement of 'Dutch Carol'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The first system starts with a treble clef and a bass clef. The tempo is marked 'Larghetto' with a quarter note equal to 69 (♩ = 69). The dynamics are 'p' (piano) and the mood is 'tranq.' (tranquil). The first system includes a 'Piano' label on the left. The second system starts with a measure number '5' above the treble clef. The third system starts with a measure number '9' above the treble clef. The score features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The melody is characterized by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together. The bass line consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment. There are several slurs and phrasing marks throughout the piece. A 'simile' marking is present at the end of the first system, indicating that the subsequent systems should be played in a similar manner.

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The Dutch Carol

Traditional Dutch Carol in original form

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 = 84



mf A child _____ is born _____ in

3
Beth - - - le - - - hem; A - wait - - eth him

6
all _____ Je - ru - - - sa lem. *f* A - Chorus

9
mor, a - mor, a - mor, a -

12
mor, a, - mor! quam dul cis

15
est a - - - mor! _____

2. The Son took upon him humanity,
That to the Father thus draws high:

Chorus: Amor, amor, amor, amor, amor!
Quam dulcis est amor!

3. The angels above were singing then,
Below were rejoicing the shepherd men:

Chorus: Amor, amor, amor, amor, amor!
Quam dulcis est amor!

4. Now let us all with the angels sing,
Yea, now let our hearts for gladness spring:

Chorus: Amor, amor, amor, amor, amor!
Quam dulcis est amor!

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