

# The Shortest Day

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$\text{♩} = 70$

*Rubato* *p* The short est day came and the year died - this short-est day.

*Rubato* *p* The short est day came and the year died, this short-est day.

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*Rubato* *p* The short est day came and the year died - this short-est day.

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*mp* And ev' - ry where in the snow - shite world, *mf* Peop-le came

*mp* And ev' - ry where in the snow - white world,

*mp* And ev' - ry where - - - , snow - white world,

*mp* And ev' - ry where - - - , snow - wwhite world,

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S  
sing - ing, sing - ing, peop - le came

A  
*mf* Peop - le came sing - ing they came sing - ing

T  
*mf* Peop - le came sing - ing, peop - le came

B  
*mf* Peop - le came sing - ing, peop - le came sing -

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S  
danc - ing, peop le came danc - - ing, danc-ing, danc-ing, to

A  
Peop-l came danc-ing, they came danc - ing danc ing. danc-ing, danc - ing to

T  
sing - ing, they came danc - ing they came danc-ing - , danc - ing - danc - ing to

B  
ing peop le came danc - ing, danc - ing, danc - ing. to

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S  
drive the dark a - way! *f* To keep the year a - live! *mp* And when the new year's

A  
drive the dark a - way *f* To keep the year a - live! *mp* And when the new-year's

T  
drive the dark a - way! *f* To keep the year a - live! *mp* And when the new-year's

B  
drive the dark a - way! *f* To keep the year a - live!! *mp*

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*D second time only*

S  
sun - shine blazed a - - - wake, *mf* peop - le came

A  
sun - shine blazed - - - a - - - wake,

T  
8 sun - shine blazed a - - - wake,

B

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S  
shout - ing, shout - ing, peop - le came

A  
*mf* Peop - le came shout - ing they came shout - ing

T  
8 *mf* Peop - le came shout - ing, peop - le came

B  
*mf* Peop - le came shout - ing, peop - le came shout -

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S  
shout - - ing, *f* peop - le came shout - ing,

A  
*f* Peop - le came shout - ing, they came shout - - ing, they came

T  
8 shout - - - ing shout - - - ing they came

B  
ing *f* peop - le came shout - - ing,

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S they came shout - ing, shout - ing. shout-ing, shout-ing, shout - ing though the ag - es.

A shout - ing, shout - ing, shout-ing, shout-ing, shout - ing though the ag - es.

T shout - ing, shout - ing - , shout-ing, shout-ing, shout - ing though the ag - es.

B shout - ing they came shout - ing, they came shout-ing, shout-ing, shout - ing though the ag - es.

*ff* *subito p* *rit.*

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S The frost - y ag - es, ech - o - ing be - hind us - . This short - est day, *fz*

A The frost - y ag - es, ech - o - ing be - hind us - . This short - est day, *fz*

T The frost - y ag - es - , ech - o - ing be - hind us - . This short - est day, *fz*

B The frost - y ag - es - , ech - o - ing be - hind us - . This short - est day, *fz*

*molto rit.* *a tempo* *mp* *fz*

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S a prom - ise wak - ens in the sleep - ing land - . In the sleep - ing land - ! *f* A gift of

A a prom - ise wak - ens in the sleep - ing land - . In the sleep - ing - land - ! *f* A gift of

T a prom - ise wak - ens in the sleep - ing land - . In the sleep - ing land - ! *f* A

B a pro - ise wak - ens in the sleep - ing land - . In the sleep - ing land - ! *f* A

*mf* *f*

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S peace! A gift of joy - ! A gift of love! Of love - ! And so we

A peace! A gift of joy - ! A gift of love! Of love - ! And so we

T gift of peace! A gift of joy! A gift of love! Of love - ! And so we

B gift of peace! A gift of joy! A gift of love! Of love - ! And so we

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S sing now! This year and ev'-ry year, this year and ev'-ry year: Wel-come Yule! Wel - come

A sing now! This year and ev'-ry year, this year and ev'-ry year. Wel-come Yule! Wel - come

T sing now! This year and ev'-ry year, this year and ev'-ry year: Wel-come Yule! Wel - come

B sing now this year and ev'-ry year, this year and ev'-ry year: Wel-come Yule! Wel - come

*Broad*

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S Yule! Wel - - come Yule!! *ff*

A Yule! Wel - - come Yule! *ff*

T Yule - - - ! Wel - - - com Yule!! *ff*

B Yule! Wel - - come Yule!! *ff*