

For Nils Schweckendiek

# OUR JOYFUL'ST FEAST

Texts by  
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (1564–1616)  
GEORGE WITHER (1588–1667)

Music by  
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**Giocoso** ♩ = c88

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR *mf*  
When i - ci - cles hang by the wall, And Dick the shep - herd

BASS *mf*  
When i - ci - cles hang by the wall, And Dick the shep - herd

PIANO (for rehearsal only) *mf*

4 *mf*  
And Tom bears logs in - to the hall, And milk comes fro - zen

*mf*  
And Tom bears logs in - to the hall, And milk comes fro - zen

*mf*  
blows his nail, Tom bears logs in - to the hall, And milk comes fro - zen

And  
*mf*  
blows his nail, Tom bears logs in - to the hall, And milk comes fro - zen

*f* **riten** **Poco sostenuto** ♩ = c80

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home in pail, When blood is nippt and ways be foul, Then night - - ly

home in pail, When blood is nippt and ways be foul, — Then night - - ly

home in pail, When blood is nippt, and ways be foul, night - - ly  
night - - ly

home in pail, When blood is nippt, and ways be foul, night-lysingsthe owl —

**riten** **Poco sostenuto** ♩ = c80

12

sings the star-ing owl — Tu - whoo! Tu - whit! A mer-ry note! — Grea-sy Joan doth

sings the star-ing owl — Tu - whoo! Tu - whit! A mer-ry note! While grea-sy Joan doth

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sings the star-ing owl — Tu - whoo!

Tu - whoo! Tu - whit! while — grea-sy Joan doth

16 **Tempo I**

keel the pot.

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*mp* the pot. When all a-round the wind doth blow, And cough-ing drowns the

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**Tempo I**

20 *mf* And birds sit brood - ing in the snow And Mar-ian's nose looks

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*mf* par-son's saw, And birds sit brood - ing in the snow And Mar-ian's nose looks

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