

Four o'Clock

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Soporifically • = 140

Soprano (S) and Alto (A) parts:

Four o' - clock on Christ - mas morn And hours to go be - fore the

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8 *p*
dawn; Ah

dawn; All a - sleep as if new - born While si - lence reigns sup -

15

-reme.

8 *mp*
Pre - tend that you are San - ta Claus, Come with us now,

mp
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22 *p* *mp*
Ah la la la la la, Stalks

p *mf*
Ah, See where the cat with twitch - ing paws Stalks

8 come in - doors. *mf* See where the cat with twitch - ing paws Stalks

come in - doors. Ah la la la la la, Stalks

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spar - rows in her drea - mm. Leave her to her
spar - rows in her drea - mm.
spar - rows in her drea - mm.
spar - rows in her drea - mm. mm

34

fur - ry purrs, Come up - stairs, where no - thing stirs; The mas - ter
mm
pp mm mp
mm
mm mp

41

bed - room, his and hers, The pa - rents of es - tee -
The pa - rents of es - tee -
The pa - rents of es - tee -
The pa - rents of es - tee -

47

-mm. Ah ah, while
-mm. Ah while
-mm. Fa - ther, mouth wide, catch - ing flies, Soft - ly snores,
-mm. Fa - ther, mouth wide, catch - ing flies, Soft - ly snores,

54

mo - ther sighs And dreams of cloud - less sum - mer skies, Of sun and
mo - ther sighs And dreams of cloud - less sum - mer skies, Of sun and
Ah, dreams of cloud - less sum - mer skies, Of sun and
Ah, dreams of cloud - less sum - mer skies, Of sun and

61

clot - ted crea - mm. A - cross the pas-sage,
clot - ted crea - mm. A - cross the pas-sage,
clot - ted crea - mm. be - neath the door,
clot - ted crea - mm. be - neath the door,

67

A light ap - pears, It he-ralds an ap -

A light not there be - fore It he-ralds an ap -

A light not there be - fore It he-ralds an ap -

A light not there be - fore It he-ralds an ap -

A light not there be - fore It he-ralds an ap -

A light not there be - fore It he-ralds an ap -

73

-proach - ing war, Does that small sud - den gleam. The

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-proach - ing war, Does that small sud - den gleam. The

-proach - ing war, Does that small sud - den gleam. The

poco accel.
mf

be-ware!
a little faster

78

room's the twins, oh house, be-ware! The Twins a - wake in the bunks they share;

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room's the twins, oh house, be-ware! The Twins a - wake in the bunks they share;

82

At its foot, the stockings there Are bulg-ing at the seam.
the

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Frantic $\text{d} = 120$

86

They tear! Da-di-da da doo - dah! Da-di-da da
seam,

They tear with frantic finger-tips, Sat - su - mas roll and wrapping rips; Like

They tear with frantic finger-tips, Sat - su - mas roll and wrapping rips; Like

They tear with frantic finger-tips, Sat - su - mas roll and wrapping rips; Like

91

da! fight and bite and scream,
doo - dah! Da-di-da-di-da-di - da! bite and fight and bite and

all fra - ter - nal com -rade - ships They fight and bite and fight and bite and

all fra - ter - nal com -rade - ships They ff fight and bite and fight and

S1

S1

95

fight and bite and scream, fight and bite and fight and
 fight and bite and fight and bite and fight and bite and
 fight and bite and fight and bite and fight and bite and
ff
 8 fight and bite and scream, fight and bite and
 bite and scream, fight and

S1

scream, fight and bite and scream, *rall. molto* - mm!
 99 fight and bite and fight and bite and screa - - - mm!
 fight and bite and fight and bite and screa - - - mm!
 8 fight and bite and screa - - - mm!
 fight and scream, screa - - - mm!
 bite and scream, screa - - - mm!

tempo I

104 *p*
 mm
p
 mm
mp
 8 Four - fif - teen on Christ - mas
p
mp
 Four - fif - teen on Christ - mas

112

All from sleep are rude - ly torn
All are rude - ly torn Hours to go be -
8 morn, All from sleep are rude - ly torn Ah - - -
morn, All are rude - ly torn Hours to go be -

A little slower—The Moral

120

- oo While tem - pers heat and steam... Oh pa - rents,
- fore the dawn While tem - pers heat and steam... Oh pa - rents,
8 - oo While tem - pers heat and steam... Oh pa - rents,
- fore the dawn While tem - pers heat and steam...

128

lis - ten to our tale, Be - ware, be wise or else be - wail. Tell
lis - ten to our tale, Be - ware, be wise or else be - wail. Tell
8 lis - ten to our tale, Be - ware, be wise or else be - wail. Tell
Oh lis - ten to our tale, Be - ware, be wise or else be - wail. Tell

133

San-ta not to deck each bed With bulg-ing stock-ings, but in-stead To leave the presents
 San-ta not to deck each bed With bulg-ing stock-ings, but in-stead To leave the presents
 8 San-ta not to deck each bed With bulg-ing stock-ings, but in-stead To leave the presents
 San-ta not to deck each bed With bulg-ing stock-ings, but in-stead To leave the presents

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sec-ret - ly In the lounge be - neath the tree, Then lock the door to
 sec-ret - ly In the lounge be - neath the tree, Then lock the door to
 8 sec-ret - ly In the lounge be - neath the tree, Then lock the door to
 sec-ret - ly In the lounge be - neath the tree, Then lock the door to

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com - bat crime And keep it locked till break-fast-time. Mmm
 com - bat crime And keep it locked till break-fast-time. Mmm
 8 com - bat crime And keep it locked till break-fast-time. Mmm
 com - bat crime And keep it locked till break-fast-time. Mmm

p.s. Auntie Maud slept through it all, which is hardly surprising given the amount of Bristol Cream she downed the night before.