ONE SINGLE CANDLE

for unison or two-part voices, accompanied

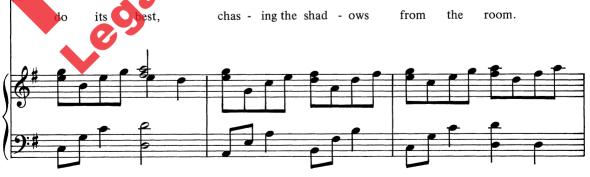
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4 (voices unison) and joy rest our hopes peace 22 One sin-gle can - dle will ba - by boy.









One Single Candle is a gentle Advent anthem for unison or two-part children's choirs. Suggested corresponding lectionary readings include Psalm 80: 1-7, Isaiah 40: 1-11, and John 1: 1-9. One basic homilitical theme is the preparation to receive the Light of Hope and Peace in the birth of the Messiah.

This simple anthem of Advent light is in A B A B A form. In rehearsal, introduce the A themes first (m. 5-12, 25-32, 45-55), shaping the phrases, carefully articulating the text, and striving for a uniform ensemble sound. Next, teach the B themes (m. 5-22 and 35-42) in similar fashion, adding the descant only after the melody is secure. For unison performances, the descant may be omitted or performed by a C-instrument one octave higher.

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