

The Very Best Time of Year

Words and music by **JOHN RUTTER**
arranged by Owain Park

As if gently relaxing by the fireside ♩ = 84

The musical score is arranged in a system with seven staves. The top six staves are for vocal parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass 1, and Bass 2. The bottom staff is for piano accompaniment, marked '(for rehearsal only)'. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'As if gently relaxing by the fireside ♩ = 84'. The Soprano part begins with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and includes the lyrics 'doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo'. The Alto, Tenor 1, and Tenor 2 parts are marked piano (*p*) and feature long, sustained notes. The Bass 1 part is marked piano (*p*) and includes the lyrics 'dng dng dng'. The Bass 2 part is marked piano (*p*) and includes the lyrics 'dng dng dng dng dng dng'. The piano accompaniment is marked piano (*p*) and provides harmonic support for the vocal lines.

Duration: 3.5 mins

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