

# KENDOR VOYAGER STRING ORCHESTRA SERIES

## Christmas Vignettes

GRADE 2+ • DURATION 3:35

arranged by **David Bobrowitz**

### INSTRUMENTATION

1 - Full Score  
8 - 1st Violin  
8 - 2nd Violin  
3 - 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)  
5 - Viola  
5 - Cello  
5 - Bass  
1 - Piano (opt.)

EXTRA SCORES & PARTS AVAILABLE

### To The Director

This joyful, playable medley of several popular Christmas carols includes: *Jolly Old St. Nicholas*, *Silent Night*, *Oh Come All Ye Faithful*, *Deck The Halls*, *We Wish You A Merry Christmas*, and a hint of *Angels We Have Heard On High*. This wonderful, feel-good arrangement is a perfect winter concert closer in the true spirit of the holiday.

Players should take note that the piece moves between C major and G major. Maintain the opening tempo at quarter note = 96, so that the transition into *Silent Night* at measure 27 is nice and smooth. At measure 42, have the Cellos bring out the moving eighths, and encourage the Violas and 3rd Violins to match that volume in measure 43.

At measure 58, the Cellos and Bases must play a crisp staccato so that the same figure in the 1st Violin part is recognizable in measures 68 and 70. The upbeat *Deck The Halls* begins at measure 76, it can be played a little faster than indicated, but be aware that pulling the tempo back at measure 96 will be more difficult if taken faster.

A recording of this piece can be downloaded at [www.kendormusic.com](http://www.kendormusic.com)

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FULL SCORE

Moderately Fast ♩ = 96

6

Musical score for measures 2-8. The score includes parts for 1st Violin, 2nd Violin, Viola (same part provided for 3rd Violin), Cello, Bass, and Piano (opt.). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. Dynamics include *f* and *mf*. A large purple watermark 'FOR PREVIEW ONLY' is overlaid on the score.

Musical score for measures 9-17. The score includes parts for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Cello, Bass, and Pno. (opt.). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. Dynamics include *f*, *mf*, and *mp*. Performance markings include *pizz.* and *arco*. A large purple watermark 'REPRODUCTION PROHIBITED' is overlaid on the score. A box with the number '14' is positioned above measure 14.

Christmas Vignettes - 2

Musical score for measures 18-26. The score includes parts for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Cello, Bass, and Pno. (opt.). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The music features a gradual deceleration from measure 20 to 26, marked with *rit.* and *p*. A *mp* dynamic is indicated at the start of measure 20. A large purple watermark "FOR REPRODUCTION PROHIBITED ONLY" is overlaid on the score.

27 Moderately ♩ = 84

Musical score for measures 27-34. The score includes parts for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Cello, Bass, and Pno. (opt.). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked "Moderately" with a quarter note equal to 84 beats per minute. The music is marked with *mp dolce*. A large purple watermark "FOR REPRODUCTION PROHIBITED ONLY" is overlaid on the score.

Christmas Vignettes - 3

35

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Cello  
Bass  
Pno. (opt.)

*mf* *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf*

35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 35 through 42. It features five staves for strings (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, Bass) and one staff for Piano (optional). The Violin I and II parts begin with a 'V' marking. The Viola part includes a four-measure rest in measure 37 and 38, and a four-measure rest in measure 41 and 42. Dynamic markings include *mf* and *mp*. A large purple watermark 'FOR PREVIEW ONLY' is overlaid across the score.

43

48

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Cello  
Bass  
Pno. (opt.)

*mf* *f* *mp* *mf* *f* *mp* *mf* *f* *mp*

43 44 45 46 47 48 49

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 43 through 49. It features five staves for strings (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, Bass) and one staff for Piano (optional). The Violin I and II parts start with a *mf* dynamic. The Viola part includes a 'V' marking in measure 43. Dynamic markings include *mf*, *f*, and *mp*. A large purple watermark 'REPRODUCTION PROHIBITED' is overlaid across the score. The website 'KendorMusic.com' is printed at the bottom of the page.

Christmas Vignettes - 4

55 Moderately Fast ♩ = 96

Musical score for measures 50-56. The score includes parts for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Cello, Bass, and Pno. (opt.). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tempo is Moderately Fast with a quarter note equal to 96 beats per minute. The score includes dynamics such as *mp*, *rit.*, and *mf*. A large purple watermark "FOR PREVIEW ONLY" is overlaid on the score.

Musical score for measures 57-62. The score includes parts for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Cello, Bass, and Pno. (opt.). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The score includes dynamics such as *mf*. A large purple watermark "REPRODUCTION PROHIBITED" is overlaid on the score. The website "KendorMusic.com" is also visible at the bottom.

Christmas Vignettes - 5

63

Musical score for measures 63-69. The score includes parts for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Cello, Bass, and Pno. (opt.). The key signature is one sharp (F#). Measure 63 starts with a box containing the number 63. Dynamics include *mp* and *mf*. A *div.* marking is present above measure 68. A large purple watermark "FOR PREVIEW ONLY" is overlaid across the score.

71 Broaden ♩ = 88

Musical score for measures 70-75. The score includes parts for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Cello, Bass, and Pno. (opt.). The key signature is one sharp (F#). Measure 71 starts with a box containing the number 71 and the instruction "Broaden ♩ = 88". Dynamics include *f* and *rit.*. A *unis.* marking is present above measure 71. A large purple watermark "REPRODUCTION PROHIBITED" is overlaid across the score. The website "KendorMusic.com" is also visible at the bottom.

Christmas Vignettes - 6

76 Somewhat Fast  $\text{♩} = 112$

Musical score for measures 76-81. The score includes parts for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, Bass, and Piano (optional). The tempo is marked 'Somewhat Fast' with a quarter note equal to 112 beats. The dynamics are marked *mf* (mezzo-forte). The Violin parts have a *pizz.* (pizzicato) marking at measure 78. The Viola part has a *mf* marking at measure 76. The Cello and Bass parts have *mf* markings at measure 76. The Piano part has a *mf* marking at measure 76. A large purple watermark 'FOR PREVIEW ONLY' is overlaid on the score.

Musical score for measures 82-87. The score includes parts for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, Bass, and Piano (optional). The tempo is marked 'Somewhat Fast' with a quarter note equal to 112 beats. The dynamics are marked *mf* (mezzo-forte). The Violin I part has an *arco* marking at measure 82 and a *pizz.* marking at measure 85. The Violin II part has a *mf* marking at measure 85. The Viola part has an *arco* marking at measure 82. The Cello part has a *div.* (divisi) marking at measure 86. The Bass part has an *arco* marking at measure 82. The Piano part has a *tenuto* marking at measure 82. A large purple watermark 'REPRODUCTION PROHIBITED' is overlaid on the score.

Christmas Vignettes - 7

Musical score for measures 88-92. The score includes staves for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Cello, Bass, and Pno. (opt.). The music features various articulations such as *arco*, *pizz.*, and *unis.*. A large watermark "FOR PREVIEW ONLY" is overlaid on the score.

Musical score for measures 93-98. The score includes staves for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Cello, Bass, and Pno. (opt.). The music features dynamics such as *rit.* and *f*. A tempo marking "Pulling Back ♩ = 104" is present above the staff. A box containing the number "94" is located above the first staff. A large watermark "REPRODUCTION PROHIBITED" is overlaid on the score.



Christmas Vignettes - 8

99 Moderately Fast ♩ = 96

Musical score for measures 99-105. The score is for a string quartet and optional piano. The instruments are Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, Bass, and Piano (opt.). The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo is Moderately Fast with a quarter note equal to 96 beats per minute. The score shows a transition from 3/4 to 2/4 time at measure 103. A large purple watermark 'FOR PREVIEW ONLY' is overlaid on the score.

Musical score for measures 106-113. The score continues from the previous page for the same instruments and key signature. The tempo remains Moderately Fast. The score shows a transition from 2/4 to 3/4 time at measure 113. Dynamics markings include *p* (piano) and *f* (forte). A large purple watermark 'REPRODUCTION PROHIBITED' is overlaid on the score.