

SATB

A Lovely Year

(The Henderson's Christmas Letter)



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Happy Holidays from the Hendersons!
From Ted and Jenny,
And Mike and Penny,
To those we love the most!
Another year has passed,
A year goes by so fast!
Forgive us if we boast,
But we had a lovely year!

You may have heard and it's a fact
In January, Ted was sacked.
His job was shipped to Bangalore.
So Teddy started drinking more
To keep his wounded pride intact
And show he didn't care.
Oh, we had a lovely year!

While shoveling an icy slope
Poor Jenny fell, the clumsy dope.
But she was saved from surgery:
We can't afford the surgeon's fee.
Now Jenny limps and tries to cope
With Vicodin and prayer—Amen!
Oh, we had a lovely year!

March was rotten!
So March is best forgotten.
We agree no pouting is allowed
Though ev'ry silver lining seems to have a
cloud.

A freak tornado struck in May
And blew our shingle roof away.
The portico was leveled flat,
The children really miss the cat—MEOW!
But drunken Ted survived the fray
Still passed out in his chair.
Oh, we had a lovely year!

The summer brought West Nile disease,
A drought, a fire and killer bees.
We sent the kids to live with Gram;
She smokes and doesn't give a damn
She let the kids drink daiquiris.
Till Mike fell down the stair!
Yet we had a lovely year!

Then September!
We'd rather not remember!
Life's a bowl of cherries, so they say;
If cherries come with pits, well, that's the
price you pay.

Last fall the Market took a dive,
But what the heck, we're still alive!
Thanksgiving found us indisposed,
We lost the house, the bank foreclosed.
We kept the car we cannot drive:
We have to sleep somewhere.
Oh, we had a lovely year!

Each Christmas is the season when
We join with kith and kin again.
But Penny up and ran away
And Mike's in rehab till next May
While Ted is serving eight to ten:
The judge was tough but fair.
So we had a lovely year!

Happy Holidays from the Hendersons
To those we hold most dear!
You'll understand us when we say
On New Year's Day we'll hide away.
With all the blessings we've enjoyed
We're quite determined to avoid
Another lovely year!

A Lovely Year - SATB²

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♩ = 90

The musical score is for a SATB² choir and piano. It is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked as ♩ = 90. The score is divided into two systems. The first system includes staves for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Piano. The Soprano and Alto parts are mostly rests. The Tenor and Bass parts have lyrics: "Hap-py Hol - i - days from the Hen - der - sons!". The piano accompaniment starts with a forte (f) dynamic and features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The second system includes staves for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B), and Piano (Pno.). The lyrics for the vocal parts are: "and Pen-ny to those we love the most! An-o-ther" for Soprano, "and Jen-ny to those we love the most! An-o-ther" for Alto, "and Mike to those we love the most! An-o-ther" for Tenor, and "Ted to those we love the most! An-o-ther" for Bass. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar accompaniment, featuring triplets in the right hand.

8

S year has passed. For-give us if we boast but we had a love-ly

(Solo, spoken)

A year has passed. (The year goes buy so fast!) For-give us if we boast but we had a love-ly

T year has passed. For-give us if we boast but we had a love-ly

B year has passed. For-give us if we boast but we had a love-ly

Pno.

12

S year.

A year.

T year. You may have heard and it's a fact, in

B year. You may have heard and it's a fact, in

Pno.

15

S

A

T

B

Pno.

Jan-u - a-ry Ted was sacked. His job was shipped to Ban ga-lore So Ted-dy start-ed drink-ing more to

Jan-u - a-ry Ted was sacked. His job was shipped to Ban ga-lore So Ted-dy start-ed drink-ing more to

15

rit. -----

S

A

T

B

Pno.

Oh,

Oh,

8 keep his wound-ed pride in - tact and show he did - n't care. Oh,

8 keep his wound-ed pride in - tact and show he did - n't care. Oh,

18

rit. -----

S

A

T

B

Pno.

21

S we had a love-ly year!

A we had a love-ly year! While

T we had a love-ly year!

B we had a love-ly year!

Pno.

25

S

A shov-el-ing an ic - y slope poor Jen-ny fell, the clum-sy dope. But she was saved from sur ger-y: We

T

B

Pno.

28

S

A

T

B

Pno.

can't af - ford the sur - geon's fee. Now Jen - ny limps and tries to cope with

28

mp *mf*

S

A

T

B

mp *mf*

A - men. Oh, we had a love-ly year!

Vi - co - din and prayer. A - men. Oh, we had a love-ly year!

A - men. Oh, we had a love-ly year!

A - men. Oh, we had a love-ly year!

30

Pno.

34

S
March was rot-ten! So March is best for-got-ten!

A
March was rot ten! So March is best for-got-ten!

T
March was rot ten! So March is best for-got-ten!

B
March was rot - ten! So March is best for-got-ten!

Pno.

38

S
Though ev'-ry sil-ver lin-ing seems to have a cloud!

A
We a-gree no pout-ing is al-owed,

T
Though ev'-ry sil-ver lin-ing seems to have a cloud!

B
We a-gree no pout-ing is al-owed,

38

Pno.

42

S

A

T

B

Pno.

freak tor - na - do struck in May and blew our shin - gle roof a-way. The

42

44

S

A

T

B

Pno.

por - ti - co was lev - eled flat, the child - ren real - ly miss the cat, But

(Solo, spoken)

(MEOW!)

47 *rit.*-----

S Oh,

A drunk-en Ted sur-vived the fray still passed out in his chair. Oh,

T Oh,

B Oh,

Pno.

50

S we had a love-ly year!

A we had a love-ly year!

T we had a love-ly year!

B we had a love-ly year!

Pno.

54

S

A

T
8
sum - mer brought West Nile di - sease, a drought a fire and kil - ler bees. We

B
sum - mer brought West Nile di sease, a drought a fire and kil ler bees. We

Pno.

54

S

A

T
8
sent the kids to live with Gram: she smokes and does - n't give a damn. She

B
sent the kids to live with Gram: she smokes and does - n't give a damn. She

Pno.

56

S

A

T
8
sent the kids to live with Gram: she smokes and does - n't give a damn. She

B
sent the kids to live with Gram: she smokes and does - n't give a damn. She

Pno.

56

58 *rit.* -----

S Yet we had a love-ly

A Yet we had a love-ly

T lets the kids drink dai-qui-ris till Mike fell down the stair! Yet we had a love-ly

B lets the kids drink dai-qui-ris till Mile fell down the stair! Yet we had a love-ly

Pno. *rit.* -----

62

S year! Then Sep-tem-ber! We'd ra-ther not re-mem-ber!

A year! Then Sep-tem - ber! Life's a bowl of cher-ries so they

T year! Then Sep-tem - ber! We'd ra-ther not re-mem-ber!

B year! Then Sep-tem - ber! Life's a bowl of cher-ries so they

Pno.

66

S
If cher-ries come with pits well, that's the price you pay. Last

A
say; If cher-ries come with pits well, that's the price you pay.

T

B
say,

66

Pno.

69

S
fall the Mar - ket took a dive, but what the heck, we're still a - live! Thanks -

A

T

B

69

Pno.

71

S
giv - ing found us in - dis - posed, We lost the house, the bank fore - closed. We

A

T

B

Pno.

73

S
kept the car we can - not drive: we have to sleep some - where. *rit.*

A
rit.

T
rit.

B
rit.

Pno.
rit.

75

S Oh, we had a love-ly year!

A Oh, we had a love-ly year!

T Oh, we had a love-ly year!

B Oh, we had a love-ly year! Each

75

Pno.

80

S

A

T

B Christ-mas is the sea-son when we join with kith and kin a gain. But Pen-ny up and ran a-way and

80

Pno.

83

S

A

T

B

Piano

83

Mike's in re - hab till next May while Ted's is ser - ving eight to ten: The

85 *rit.*

S

A

T

B

Piano

85 *rit.*

judge was tough but fair. So we had a love-ly year!

So we had a love-ly year!

So we had a love-ly year!

So we had a love-ly year!

So we had a love-ly year!

85 *rit.*

Piano

89

S To those we hold most dear. _____

A Hap-py Hol-i-days from the Hen-der-sons! To those we hold most

T To those we hold most dear. _____

B Hap-py Hol-i-days from the Hen-der-sons! To those we hold most

Pno. *mp*

93

S — You'll un-der-stand us when we say on New Year's Day we'll hide a-way. With

A dear. You'll un-der-stand us when we say on New Year's Day we'll hide a-way. With

T — You'll un-der-stand us when we say on New Year's Day we'll hide a-way. With

B dear. You'll un-der-stand us when we say on New Year's Day we'll hide a-way. With

Pno.

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score for SATB2 choir and piano. The score is divided into two systems. The first system covers measures 89-92, and the second system covers measures 93-96. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) have lyrics in both systems. The piano accompaniment includes dynamics like *mp* and rests. A large 'SAMPLE' watermark is visible across the page.

96

S all the bless - ings we've en - joyed we're quite de - ter-mined to a - void a -

A all the bless - ings we've en - joyed we're quite de - ter-mined to a - void a -

T all the bless - ings we've en - joyed we're quite de - ter-mined to a - void a -

B all the bless - ings we've en - joyed we're quite de - ter-mined to a - void a -

Pno.

98

S no - ther — love - ly year! —

A no - ther — love - ly year! —

T no - ther — love - ly year! —

B no - ther — love - ly year! —

Pno.

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