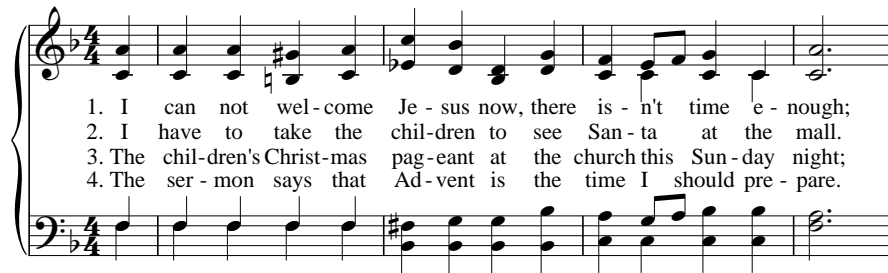
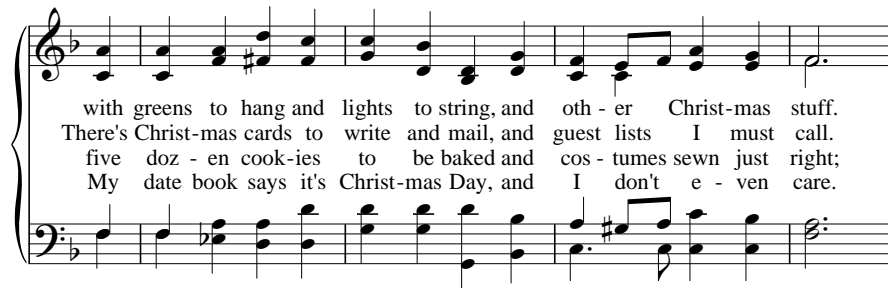


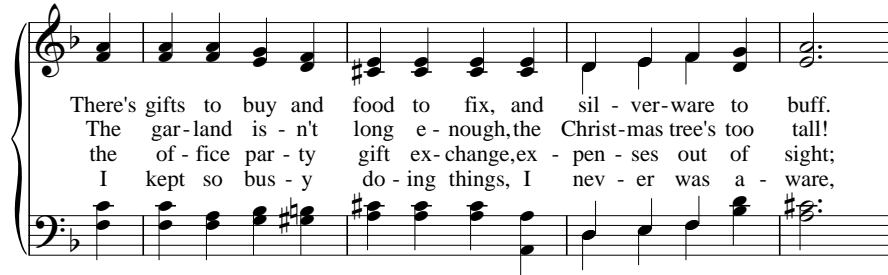
## A Christmas Lament



1. I can not wel-come Je - sus now, there is - n't time e - nough;  
 2. I have to take the chil-dren to see San - ta at the mall.  
 3. The chil-dren's Christ-mas pag-eant at the church this Sun-day night;  
 4. The ser - mon says that Ad-vent is the time I should pre - pare.



with greens to hang and lights to string, and oth - er Christ-mas stuff.  
 There's Christ-mas cards to write and mail, and guest lists I must call.  
 five doz - en cook-ies to be baked and cos - tumes sewn just right;  
 My date book says it's Christ-mas Day, and I don't e - ven care.



There's gifts to buy and food to fix, and sil - ver-ware to buff.  
 The gar-land is - n't long e - nough, the Christ-mas tree's too tall!  
 the of - fice par - ty gift ex - change, ex - pen - ses out of sight;  
 I kept so bus - y do - ing things, I nev - er was a - ware,



I can not wel-come Je - sus now, there is - n't time e - nough.  
 I can not wel-come Je - sus now, I just can't do it all.  
 I can not wel-come Je - sus now, with time and bud - get tight.  
 that Je - sus came un - no-ticed, for I had no time to spare.

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