

Dedicated to Dwayne, Sheree, and Zoey Spraglin

THE BEST GIFT OF ALLfor S.A.T.B. voices and piano
with optional SoundTrax CD*Words and Music by
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Tenderly (♩ = ca. 72)

PIANO *mp*

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The melody begins with a series of chords and eighth notes, while the bass line consists of quarter and eighth notes.

4 **5**

SOPRANO *mp* (unis. or opt. solo)

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

The best gift of all does-n't come wrapped in pa-per. The (unis. or opt. solo) *mp*

The vocal entry begins at measure 4. The Soprano part starts with a rest followed by a quarter note G4, then a series of eighth notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The lyrics are: "The best gift of all does-n't come wrapped in pa-per. The". The Soprano part is marked *mp* and includes the instruction "(unis. or opt. solo)".

The piano accompaniment continues from measure 4. The right hand features chords and moving lines, while the left hand provides a steady bass line with quarter and eighth notes.

7 *tutti*

best gift of all does-n't cost an - y - thing. The best gift of all does-n't *tutti*

Oo _____

The vocal entry continues at measure 7. The Soprano part has a rest, then a quarter note G4, followed by eighth notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The lyrics are: "best gift of all does-n't cost an - y - thing. The best gift of all does-n't". The Soprano part is marked *tutti*. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar texture, and the Soprano part concludes with a long "Oo" note.

The piano accompaniment continues from measure 10. The right hand features chords and moving lines, while the left hand provides a steady bass line with quarter and eighth notes.

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glit-ter or spar-ke. It's not tied with bright-ly col-ored rib-bon or

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string. The best gift of all comes from the heart. It's a

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song that you share or a smile that you start. It's the love that you give, the

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way that you live. Yes, the best gift of all is a gift from the

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heart.

decresc.

25 *mp* 26

The best gift of all does-n't come to your door-step. The

mp