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**Rollicking** ♩ = 62

Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

Organ

*f*

The

*f*

*f*

Ped.

5

old year now is fast a-way, The glad New Year is come to-day; We

9

now re-joice, O God a-bove, In this new year of love.

Man. only



13

With o - pen minds to

*mf*



17

know your will, We bid ill thoughts and fears be still; We



20

now re - joice, O God a - bove, In

22

this new year — of love.

*f*

Ped.

25

With o - pen hearts to

*mf*

Man. only

28

tend and care For all your peo - ple

30

ev - 'ry - where, We now re - joice, O

32

God a - bove, In this new year — of love.

I {

Ped.

35

With o-pen hands we

35

39

beck-on you, With o - pen hands we beck-on you, We now re - joice, re -

With o - pen hands we beck-on you, We now re - joice, re -

39

43

*p*

To send us forth in ser-vice true, To — send us forth in

*p*

To send us forth in

*f* *sub. p*

- joice, re-joyce, re - joice!

*f* *sub. p*

- joice, re-joyce, re - joice!

43

*sub p*

47

*f* *sub. p*

ser-vice true; We now re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, re -

*f* *sub. p*

ser-vice true; We — now re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, re -

*sub. p*

We

*sub. p*

We

47

*sub p*

50 poco a poco cresc. - - - - -

- joice! We now re-joyce, O God a-bove, In this new year of  
poco a poco cresc. - - - - -

- joice! We now re-joyce, O God a-bove, In this new year of  
poco a poco cresc. - - - - -

now re-joyce, we now re-joyce, O God a-bove, In this new year of  
poco a poco cresc. - - - - -

50 now re-joyce, we now re-joyce, O God a-bove, In this new year of  
poco a poco cresc. - - - - -

54 *f* love. With *f*

*f* *f*

I { *f*



58

With joy - ful voic - es sing we

joy - ful voic - es sing we clear To

With joy - ful voic - es sing we

joy - ful voic - es sing we clear To

Man. only Ped.

60

clear To ush - er in this glad New

ush - er in this glad New Year; We

clear To ush - er in this glad New

ush - er in this glad New Year, We

Man. only Ped.

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62 Year;  
now re - joyce, O God a - bove, \_ In this New Year, in  
Year;  
now

65 this New Year, in this New Year, in this New Year, in

68 **no rit.**

this New Year of love.

71

7

7

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## Michael Bedford

A full-time church musician since 1973, Michael Bedford currently serves as Organist/Choirmaster and Composer-in-Residence at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he plays the organ and supervises a full graded choir program including three singing choirs and a handbell choir. He has held similar positions in Texas and Colorado. He is also the founder and CEO of Crescendo Press where he publishes much of his own sacred music, including music for choirs, organ, handbells, extended works for choir and orchestra, service music, and hymn concertatos for choir, congregation, organ, brass and timpani. (Website: [www.crescendo-press.com](http://www.crescendo-press.com) )

Dr. Bedford has published choral music for children's, youth and adult choirs, as well as organ collections and handbell pieces. Through fifteen different publishers he now has over two hundred titles in print. He also serves as workshop leader and clinician for children's and youth choir festivals, handbell festivals, hymn festivals and organ workshops throughout the United States.

In addition to membership in the American Guild of Organists, Dr. Bedford also belongs to Choristers Guild (of which he is a past board member); the Association of Anglican Musicians; the Royal School of Church Music in America; the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers; the American Choral Directors Association; and the Oklahoma Choral Directors Association (of which he is a past board member). In 1984 his bio was featured in Outstanding Young Men of America, and in 1989 it appeared in the International Who's Who in Music.

Dr. Bedford and his family reside in Tulsa OK.