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A Song

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May you have the spirit of Christmas
which is Peace
the gladness of Christmas
which is Hope
and the heart of Christmas
which is Love

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The piano plays.
1-2-3.
Take a breath,
Start on a "D".
Form the note.
Keep it pure and focused.
Form vowels with rounded perfection.
Keep the consonants clear.
Control your breath.
Let out as you go.
Take in with the break.
Phrase the melody with crescendos.
Keep notes independent.
Tie them together as one.
Slow down.
Change key.

The piano is playing The
music lives. There is gentle
sound expressive and momentous
Words of reality of dreams of
future of past making
music with moving
melody and hushed harmony. The
audience can see can hear can feel
Smiles are sweet and
tears are sweeter still.

The piano slowly quietly
ceases its playing
Applause is sincere.


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Petal from roses scattered like ashes
around a candle monument.
Take your time walking down the beach.
Photos tossed into a blue flame.
Everyone has a favorite song.
Skipping and laughing, such wonderful friends.
Hands pressed into the cold wet cement.
Take a piece of gold, hold onto this treasure.
Years only seem like minutes,
and minutes only seem like seconds.
I love the way the sand whispers,
sparkling glitter across the dune rocks.
Three beautiful stars.

Anna-Lisa Larsen

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