

I WILL LIGHT CANDLES THIS CHRISTMAS

for SSAA & piano

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**Expressively,
with hope** ♩ = 60

rit

a tempo

SOPRANO

ALTO

PIANO

p *mf* *p*

con Ped

mp

I will light Can-dles this

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Christ - mas; Can - dles of joy de-spite all sad - ness,

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7 *mp* *mf*

S Can-dles of hope where de-spair keeps watch, Can - dles of cou - rage for

mp *mf*

A *mp* *mf*

10 *mf* *mp* *poco rit* *a tempo* *rit*

fears e - ver_ pre - sent;

mf *mp*

mf *mp*

poco rit *a tempo* *rit*

A a tempo

13

mf

Can-dles of peace for_ tem - pest - tossed days,

mf

Can-dles of peace for_ tem - pest-tossed days,_____

mf

Can-dles of peace for_ tem - pest-tossed days,_____

A a tempo

mf

16

S

Can - dles of grace to ease heav-y_ bur - dens, Can-dles of love_ to in -

A

Can - dles of grace to ease heav - y bur - dens, Can - dles, in -

Can - dles of grace to ease heav - y bur - dens, Can - dles, in -

Can - dles of grace to ease heav - y bur - dens, Can - dles, in -

f

f

f

f

19 *mf*

-spire all my liv - - ing, Can - - - dles that will

-spire all my liv - - ing, Can - - - dles that will

-spire all my liv - - ing, Can - - - dles that will

-spire all my liv - - ing, Can - - - dles that will

mf

21 **poco rit a tempo rit a tempo**

f burn all year long. *p* When the

f burn all year long. *p* When the

f burn all year long. *p* When the

poco rit a tempo rit a tempo

f

24 **B Reflective**

song of the an - gels is stilled, When the
 song of the an - gels is stilled, When the
 song of the an - gels is stilled, When the

B Reflective

p

26

S
 star in the sky is gone, When the
 star in the sky is gone, When the
 A
 star in the sky is gone, When the
 star in the sky is gone, When the