

# CAROL OF THE BIRDS

Words by  
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Music by  
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Brightly

*mf* FULL CHOIR



D.C.

Verse 2 (Solo or Unison).

Down where the tree-ferns grow by the river,  
There where the waters sparkle and quiver,  
Deep in the gullies Bell-birds are chiming,  
Softly and sweetly their lyric notes rhyming—  
“ORANA ! ORANA ! To CHRISTMAS DAY.”

❖ “ORANA”—Aboriginal word meaning “Welcome”

Verse 3 (Full).

Friar-birds sip the nectar of flowers,  
Currawongs chant in wattle-tree bowers;  
In the blue ranges Lorikeets calling—  
Carols of bushbirds rising and falling—  
“ORANA ! ORANA ! To CHRISTMAS DAY.”

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