

STRING EXPLORER SERIES


A Merry-achi Christmas

(Campana Sobre Campana, Esta Noche Es Noche Buena, Ándale Juana)

Traditional

Arranged by Bob Phillips and John Nieto

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score.....	1
Violin I.....	8
Violin II.....	8
Violin III (Viola 	3
Viola.....	5
Cello.....	5
String Bass.....	5
Piano Accompaniment.....	1

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Three traditional Mexican Christmas tunes are set in mariachi style for your string orchestra! The first piece, *Campana Sobre Campana*, carries the meaning of multiple bells ringing to celebrate and announce Christ's birth. Historically, bells were used not only to announce the beginning of a church service, but also to alert the town to pending news, both good and bad. The second piece, *Esta Noche Es Noche Buena*, says, "Tonight is Christmas Eve" – a night when even the stars are more brilliant. The piñata is used in many celebrations in Mexico, and the final tune, *Ándale Juana*, is a song that is sung while the piñata is being broken during Christmas festivities.