Patapan

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French text: Bernard de la Monnoye (1641-1728), translator unknown

Fermatas should be quite short - only about 50% added to the note length - with a very slight ritenuto on the beat before them.

If necessary, the vocal lines could be doubled on piano or organ or, preferably, on wind instruments (flute, clarinet, tin whistle etc.).

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On this joyous Christmas day, on this joyous Christmas day!
When the men of olden days, tu-re-lu-re-lu, pat-a-pat-a-pan, To the King of Kings gave praise,

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On the fife and drum did play, tu-re-lu-re-lu, pat-a-pat-a-pan, tu-re-lu-re-

cresc.

On the fife and drum did play, pat-a-pat-a-pan, tu-re-lu-re-

cresc.

On the
fife and drum did play, So their hearts were glad and gay!

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pat-a-pat-a-pan pat-a-pat-a-pan, pat-a-pat-a-

pat-a-pat-a-pan, tu-re-lu-re-lu, tu-re-lu-re-lu, tu-re-

lu-re-lu, pat-a-pat-a-pan, pat-a-pat-a-pan!

pat-a-pat-a-pan, tu-re-lu-re-lu, pat-a-pat-a-

God and man to-day be-come, tu-re-lu-re-lu, pat-a-pat-a-

God and man to-day be-come,_______ tu-re-lu-re-lu, pat-

More in tune than fife and drum, tu-re-lu-re-lu, pat-a-pat-a-

More in tune now than fife and drum, tu-re-lu-re-lu, pat-a-

pat-a-pan, More in tune than fife and drum, pat-a-pat-a-pan, tu-re-lu-re-
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So be merry while you play, pat a pat a pan, pat a pat a pan, tu re lu re lu, So be merry while you play, pat a pat a pan, pat a pat a pan, tu re lu re lu, So be merry while you play, pat a pat a pan, pat a pat a pan, tu re lu re lu re lu re lu!

Slightly slower $d = 60$

Come, be merry while you play, pat a pat a pan, pat a pat a pan, pat a pat a pan, pat a pat a pan, pat a pat a pan, tu re lu re lu, tu re lu re lu, tu re lu re lu, Come, be merry while you play, pat a pat a pan, pat a pat a pan, Come, be merry while you play.

Sing and dance this Christmas day, sing and dance this Christmas day!

Sing and dance this Christmas day, sing and dance this Christmas day!