

The Nativity Song

SATB with Piano Accompaniment

St. Matthew 2:1-2 "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

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The musical score is arranged in three systems. The first system shows the piano introduction with a treble clef (R.H.) and bass clef (L.H.) in 3/4 time, key of G major. The tempo is marked 'Tenderly' with a quarter note equal to 100. The piano part begins with a *p* dynamic. The second system continues the piano accompaniment with a *rall.* marking. The third system introduces the vocal parts: Verse 1 for women (unison) and Verse 2 for men (unison), both starting with the lyrics 'This is the'. The piano accompaniment continues with a *mp* dynamic. The score concludes with a double bar line and repeat sign.

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sea - son be - loved of the year. Sing a rhyme;
women ooh 2nd verse
new star, shin - ing so bright, Ooh
Light - ing the

The first system of the musical score consists of four staves. The top staff is the vocal line with lyrics. The second staff is a vocal line with lyrics and a melisma. The third staff is the bass line. The fourth staff is the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

Christ - mas - time soon will be here. Tell the true
(ooh) world on that first Christ - mas night. Ooh This is the

The second system of the musical score consists of four staves. The top staff is the vocal line with lyrics. The second staff is a vocal line with lyrics and a melisma. The third staff is the bass line. The fourth staff is the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

bare; _____ Cat - tle and ox - en first

The first system of the musical score consists of two systems of staves. The top system contains a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The vocal line has lyrics: "bare; _____ Cat - tle and ox - en first". The piano accompaniment is shown in two staves (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C).

wel - comed him there. _____ This is the

The second system of the musical score consists of two systems of staves. The top system contains a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The vocal line has lyrics: "wel - comed him there. _____ This is the". The piano accompaniment is shown in two staves (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C).

man - ger, sweet hay for a bed,

The third system of the musical score consists of two systems of staves. The top system contains a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The vocal line has lyrics: "man - ger, sweet hay for a bed,". The piano accompaniment is shown in two staves (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C).