

Piano/Vocal

On That First Christmas Eve

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Slow $\text{♩} = 72$

Performance time Ca: 4'45'

Soprano I&II

(Divisi as needed throughout)

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano

S.I&II

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

All through the count - less a - ges, kings and ty - rants rose and fell.

Proph - ets fore-told of a heaven-ly King, who up-on this

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S.I&II
A.
T.
B.
Pno.

earth would dwell; who up - on this earth would dwell. *Attacca p*

earth would dwell; who up - on this earth would dwell. *p*

earth would dwell; who up - on this earth would dwell. *p*

earth would dwell; who up - on this earth would dwell. *Attacca p*

Moderately with a strong beat ♩ = 110

13

S.I&II
A.
T.
B.
Pno.

mf On that

mf On that

f

18 **B**

S.I.&II

A. *mf*
a star in the East ap - peared

T.
first Christ - mas Eve a star in the East,

B.
first Christ - mas Eve a star in the East,

Pno. *mf*

21

S.I.&II *Unis. mf*
and light - ed a sta - ble in

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

24

S.I&II

Beth le - hem for the

A.

light - ed a sta - ble in Beth - le - hem for the

T.

light - ed a sta - ble in Beth - le - hem for the

B.

light - ed a sta - ble in Beth - le - hem for the

Pno.

27

S.I&II

wise-men as they neared. And

A.

wise - men as they neared, as the wise - men, as the wise-men neared.

T.

wise - men as they neared, as the wise - men, as the wise-men neared.

B.

wise men as they neared.

Pno.

30 C

S.I&II shep - herds watch - ing — their flocks were sud - den - ly wrapped — in fear —

A. fear, for a host of

T. fear, for a host of

B. fear, for a host of

Pno.

33

S.I&II — had un - to them — ap - peared.

A. heav - en - ly an - gels had un - to them ap - peared, had un - to them,

T. heav - en - ly an - gels had un - to them — ap - peared, had un - to them,

B. heav - en - ly an - gels had un - to them ap - peared.

Pno.

36 **Slightly faster**

S.I&II

A.
un - to them ap - peared.

T.
8 un - to them ap - peared.

B.

Pno.

39 **D**

S.I&II
f
To - day we still sing prais - es, sing - ing glo - ry to God most

A.
f
To - day we still sing prais - es, sing - ing glo - ry to God most

T.
8 *f*
To - day we still sing prais - es, sing - ing glo - ry to God most

B.
f
To - day we still sing prais - ex, sing - ing glo - ry to God most

Pno.
f

42

S.I&II

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

high. Re - jice, re - jice! As the

high. Re - jice, re - jice! As the

high. Re - jice, re - jice! As the

high. Re - jice, re - jice! As the

45

S.I&II

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

proph - ets had fore - told, the Prince of

proph - ets had fore - told, the Prince of

proph - ets had fore - told, the Prince of

proph - ets had fore - told, the Prince of

54

S.I&II joy and broth - er - hood, the Prince of Peace

A. joy and broth - er - hood, the Prince of Peace

T. joy and broth - er - hood, the Prince of Peace

B. joy and broth - er - hood, the Prince of Peace

Pno.

58

S.I&II has ar - rived. *rit.*

A. has ar - rived.

T. has ar - rived.

B. has ar - rived.

Pno.

62 Moderately F *mf*

S.I.&II *mf* "we bring glad tid-ings of great joy."

A.

T. *mf* "Fear not," they said, "We bring un-to you, we bring glad tid-ings of great joy"

B. *mf* "Fear not," they said, "We bring un-to you,

Pno. *mf*

66 *mf*

S.I.&II *mf* Our Sav iour Christ, is

A. "glad tid - ings, tid - ings of joy,

T.

B. glad tid - ings, tid - ings of joy.

Pno. *p*

69

S.I&II
A.
T.
B.

born this day, a
Christ is born this day, Christ is born, a
Christ is born this day, Christ is born, a

Pno.

72

S.I&II
A.
T.
B.

heav - en - ly ba - by boy.
heav - en - ly ba - by boy, ba - by boy, a heav - en - ly boy
heav - en - ly ba - by boy, ba - by boy, a heav - en - ly boy,
heav - en - ly ba - by boy.

Pno.

75 **G**

S.I&II
A.
T.
B.

Wrapped in swad dle you will find Him,

with the light of
with the light of
with the light of

Pno.

78 *f*

S.I&II
A.
T.
B.

and a love for man so rare."

God burn - ing round Him, and a love for man so rare, and a love for

God burn - ing round Him and a love for man so rare, and a love for

God burn - inground Him, and a love for man so rare."

Pno.

81

S.I&II

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

man — kind so rare." The —

man — kind so rare."

f

p



84

S.I&II

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

wise - men — knelt in — won - der — and pre - sent - ed Him — with their gifts. —

Ah! — and pre - sent - ed

mf

Ah! — Ah! — Ah! — and pre - sent - ed

mf

Ah! — Ah — Ah — Ah — and pre - sent - ed

mf

Ah! — ah — and pre - sent - ed

mf



The re-joic-ing shep-herds with their flocks,

88

S.I&II Him with their gifts Ah! shep-herds and their,

A. Him with their gifts. Ah! shep-herds and their,

T. Him with their gifts. Ah shep-herds and their,

B. Him with their gifts. Ah! shep-herds and their,

Pno.

felt the love in His moth-er's kiss.

92

S.I&II and their flocks, Ah, love in His, in His moth-er's kiss.

A. and their flocks, Ah, love in His, in His moth-er's kiss.

T. and their flocks, Ah, love in His, in His moth-er's kiss.

B. and their flocks, Ah, ah, love in His, moth-er's kiss.

Pno.

96 Her-ald-ing choirs — of an - gels, dumb beast and men — of night. —

S.I&II

A. An - gels, all gath - ered 'round and

T. An — gels, all gath - ered 'round and

B. An — gels, all gath - ered 'round and

Choirs of an — gels, all gath - ered 'round and

Pno.

99 The e - pi - phan - y of love that night. —

S.I&II

A. 'round and wit - nessed the e - pi - phan - y of love that night. —

T. 'round and wit - nessed the e - pi - phan - y of love that night, the e - pi - phan -

B. 'round and wit - nessed the love that night, the e - pi - phan -

'round and wit - nessed the e - pi - phan - y of love that — night. —

Pno.

102 **I** Slightly faster

S.I&II
A.
T.
B.

y of love that night.

Pno.

105

S.I&II
A.
T.
B.

To - day we still sing prais - es, sing - ing glo - ry to God most

Pno.