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of the 70th birthday of Sir David Willcocks

Christmas Lullaby

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Andante legato (♩ = 84)

ORGAN

Sw. p

Man.

5(41)

VERSE 1: SOPRANOS & ALTOS
VERSE 2: TENORS & BASSES

p

1. Clear in the dark - ness a light shines in Beth - le - hem:
2. Where are his cour - tiers, and who are his peo - ple?

Ped.

7(45)

An - gels are sing - ing, their sound fills the air.
Why does he bear nei - ther scep - tre nor crown?

v.2:

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An orchestral accompaniment is available on hire (fl., ob., cl., 2 hn., and strings).

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V.1: TENORS & BASSES
V.2: SOPRANOS & ALTOS

13(49) *mp* *p*

Wise men have jour - neyed to greet their Mes - si - ah; But
Shep - herds his cour - tiers, the poor for his peo - ple, With

17(53) ↑

on - ly a mo - ther and ba - by lie there.
peace as his scep - tre and love for his crown.

21(57) *pp dolce*

S. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear the soft
A. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear the soft
T. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear the soft
B. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear the soft

26(62)

mf
 lul-la-by the an-gel hosts sing. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a,
mf
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mf
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mf
 lul-la-by the an-gel hosts sing. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a,
 Ped.

31(67)

p
 a - ve Ma - ri - a, Mai - den, and mo - ther of Je - sus our
p
 a - ve Ma - ri - a, Mai - den, and mo - ther of Je - sus our
p
 a - ve Ma - ri - a, Mai - den, and mo - ther of Je - sus our
p
 a - ve Ma - ri - a, Mai - den, and mo - ther of Je - sus our
 dim. *p*

36 1

S. A. King'

T. B.

Ch. Fl.

72 2

King'

Gt. or Ch. Fl.

Ped.

77 p

3. What though your trea - sures are not gold or in - cense? Lay them be -

p

82 *mf*
- fore him with hearts full of love. Praise to the Christ child, and

87 *mp*
praise to his mother Who bore us a Saviour by grace from above.

mp

p
Ped.

93 *p*
S. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear, O hear the lul - la-by
A. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear, O hear the lul - la-by
T. *mp* 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear the soft lul-la-by the
B. *mp* 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear the soft lul-la-by the

p
mp
Sw.
Ped.

f dolce
 an - gels sing. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma -

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 an - gel hosts sing. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma -

f dolce
 an - gel hosts sing. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma -

cresc. *f dolce*

p *rall.* *pp*
 - ri - a, Mai - den, and mo - ther of Je - sus our King'.

p *pp*
 - ri - a, Mai - den, and mo - ther of Je - sus our King'.

p *pp*
 - ri - a, Mai - den, and mo - ther of Je - sus our King'.

p *pp*
 - ri - a, Mai - den, and mo - ther of Je - sus our King'.

dim. *p* *pp* *rall.*

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