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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.

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

5(41)

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.

9(45)

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

v.2: v.2: v.2:

Ped.

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

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

p

17(53)

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

p

21(57) *pp dolce*

S.
A.
T.
B.

pp dolce

'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear the soft

'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear the soft

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pp

26 (62)

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

31 (67)

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

36

1

S. A. King'

T. B.

1

Ch. Fl.

72

2

King'

2

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.

mf

p

Ped.

93

p

S. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear, O hear the lul - la-by

p

A. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear, O hear the lul - la-by

mp

T. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear the soft lul-la-by the

mp

B. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear the soft lul-la-by the

Sw.

Ped.

f dolce

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

f dolce

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

f dolce

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

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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.**