

24. Jesus child

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Brisk and very light (♩ = 138)

PIANO

p cresc. *mf* *f*

5(25) %

**SOPRANO
ALTO**

p

1. Have you heard the sto - ry that they're tell - ing 'bout Beth - le - hem,
2. Have you heard the sto - ry of the poor hum - ble shep - herd men,

**TENOR
BASS**

p

1. Have_ you
2. Sit - ting

p

Also available separately (X244) and in an arrangement for unison voices (U156)

11(31)

S. (1. Je - sus
A. (2. flocks at

child? -
night? -

Have you heard the sto - ry of the Je - sus
Sit - ting on the hill - side with their flocks at child? How - he
night? - Sud - den -

heard on the sto - ry of the Je - sus at child?
the hill - side with their flocks sus at night?

13(33)

S. (How he came from hea - ven and was born in a man - ger bed?
A. (Sud - den - ly the an - gel tells them: 'Hur - ry to Beth - le - hem;

came from the hea - ven and was born in a man - ger bed?
- ly the an - gel tells them: 'Hur - ry to Beth - le - hem;

How he came from hea - ven and was born in a man - ger, Ma - ry
Sud - den - ly the an - gel tells them: 'Hur - ry to Beth - le - hem; -

15(35) *cresc.*

Ma - ry was his vir - gin mo - ther pure and mild.
Go and find the Je - sus child, the world's new light.'

cresc. was his and vir - gin mo - ther pure and mild.
Go and find the child, the world's new light.'

112 Jesus child

A Sing al - le - lu - ia, bro - thers, sing al - le - lu - ia, sis - ters,

17(37) *f* Sing al - le - lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia,

f Sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

19(39) Wor - ship the Je - sus child and praise his mo - ther mild.

21(41) *mf* 'Glo - ry to God on high!' the an - gel hosts a - bove are sing - ing:

mf 'Glo - ry to God!' the an - gel hosts are sing - ing:

23(43) *pp* *D.S. for Verse 2*

Listen to the sto-ry of the Je-sus child.

pp *D.S. for Verse 2* *p dolce*

47 **B** Je - sus child, ly - ing at Beth - le - hem, Sleep - ing safe at

mp dolce espress. e legato

p *Hum*

p

50 Ma - ry's knee, Save my soul and bring me to pa - ra - dise,

cresc. *mf* *dim.*

(hum)

cresc. *mp* *dim.*

53 Let me join the an - gels sing - ing glo - ry to thee.

mp *poco rall.*

(hum)

p

55 **C** a tempo

p

S. *Ah*

A. *Ah*

T. *mf legato*
8 Sing al - le - lu - ia, bro - thers, sing al - le - lu - ia, sis - ters,

B. *p*
Ah

C a tempo

p

57

Ah

Ah

8 Wor - ship the Je - sus child and praise his mo - ther mild.

Ah

59 *unis. mp* *rall.*

'Glo - ry to God on high!' the an - gel hosts a - bove are sing - ing:

Ah

p

Ah

rall.

dim.

61 *a tempo* *pp*

Lis - ten to the sto - ry of the Je - sus child. —

pp

Lis - ten to the sto - ry of the Je - sus child. —

pp

Lis - ten to the sto - ry of the Je - sus child. —

pp

Lis - ten to the sto - ry of the Je - sus child. —

a tempo

pp

63 **D**

p cresc. *mf* *f*

67

S. A. *mp*

4. Have you heard the sto - ry of the kings from the o - ri - ent,

T. B. *mp*

Fol - low -

mp

69

o - ver his head?_

Fol - low - ing the star that's shin - ing o - ver his head?_

p Of - fer -

- ing the star that's shin - ing o - ver his head?_

p

71 *p legato*

Of - fer - ing their pre - cious gifts of gold, myrrh and frank - in - cense, ___

Of - fer - ing their

p legato

73 *cresc.*

Kneel - ing with the ox and ass be - fore his bed? ___

cresc.

Kneel - ing with the ass be - fore his bed? ___

cresc.

75 **E** *f*

Sing al - le - lu - ia, bro - thers, sing al - le - lu - ia, sis - ters,

mf

77

Wor - ship the Je - sus child and praise his mo - ther mild.

f

tr

79

mf an - gel hosts a - bove are sing - ing:
dim.

S. 'Glo - ry to God on high!' the an - gel hosts are sing - ing:
A. 'Glo - ry to God!' the
T. B.

mf *dim.* *dim.*

81

pp Lis - ten to the sto - ry of the Je - sus child... **F**

pp *mf*

84

5. Brothers, let us ce - le-brate the

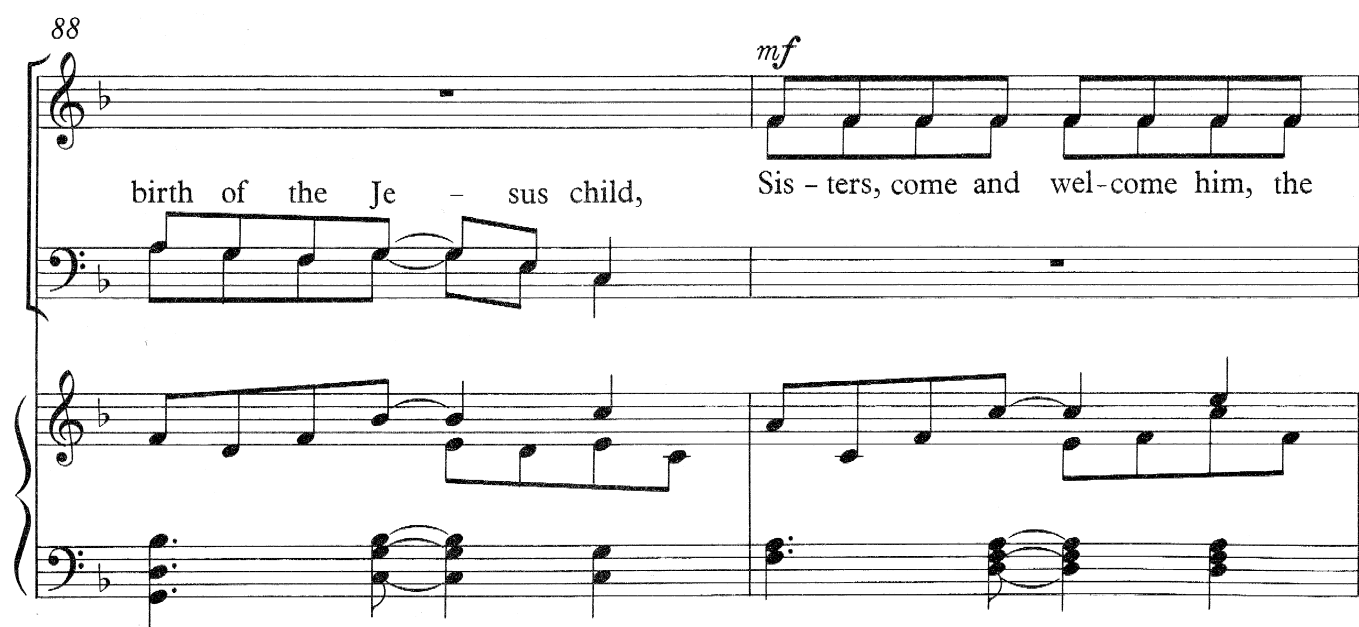
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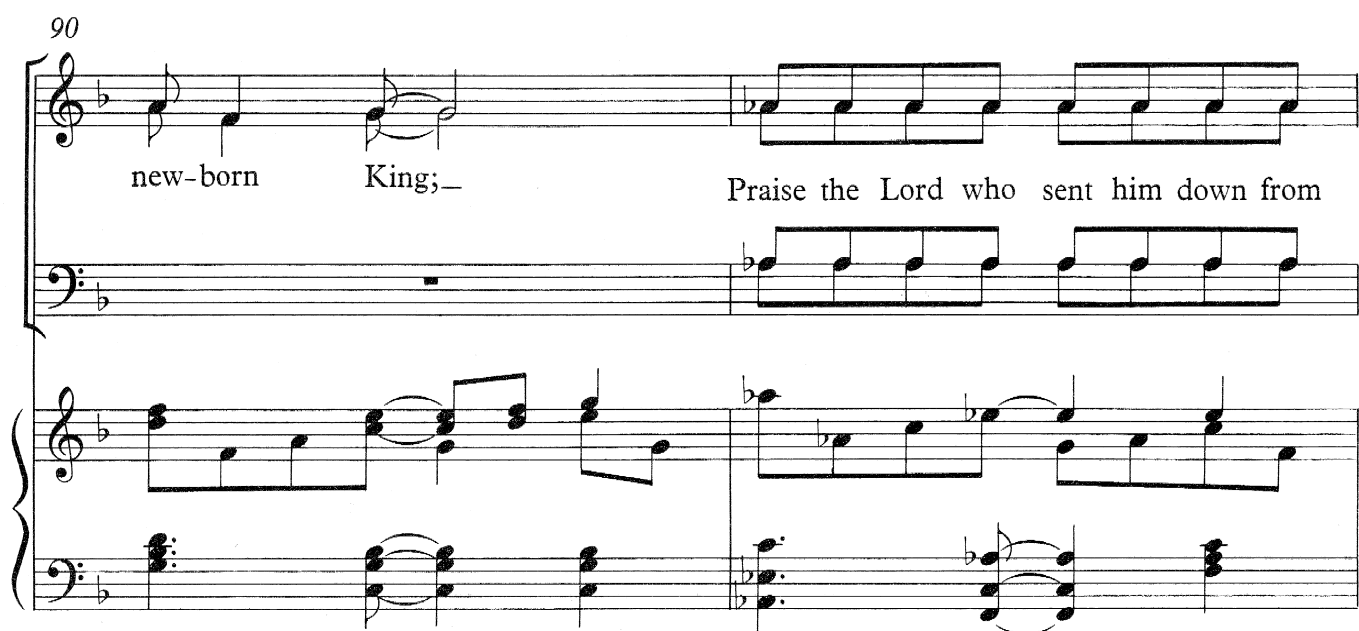
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birth of the Je - sus child, Sis - ters, come and wel-come him, the



90

new-born King; - Praise the Lord who sent him down from



92



hea - ven at Christ - mas time; Young and old and rich and poor, his

G

94



prai - ses sing. —

f Sing al - le - lu - ia, bro - thers,

f Sing al - le - lu - ia,

96



sing al - le - lu - ia, sis - ters,

sing al - le - lu - ia, Wor - ship the Je - sus child and

— al - le - lu - ia,

98 *mf* 'Glo - ry to God on high!' the
 praise his mo - ther mild. 'Glo - ry to God!' the
mf

100 *dim.* an - gel hosts a - bove are sing - ing: *p non stacc.*
dim. an - gel hosts are sing - ing: Lis - ten to the sto - ry of the
p non stacc.

102 *rall. poco a poco dim. pp Lento*
 Je - - - sus child.
rall. poco a poco dim. pp
Lento f