

Before the Paling of the Stars

for SATB (div.) a cappella

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With quiet praise

The musical score is arranged for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Piano. The vocal parts are in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The piano part is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are: "Be - fore the pal - ing of the stars, Be - fore the win - ter morn, Be - fore the the stars, Be - fore the win - ter morn,". The piano part is marked "p" and includes the instruction "(for rehearsal only)".

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass
Piano
(for rehearsal only)

Be - fore the pal - ing of the stars, Be - fore the win - ter morn, Be - fore the
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S earl - iest cock - crow Je - sus Christ was born. Born in a sta - ble, cra - dled in a

A earl - iest cock - crow Je - sus Christ was born. Born in a sta - ble, cra - dled in a

T earl - iest cock - crow Je - sus Christ was born. Born in a sta - ble, cra - dled in a

B Je - sus Christ was born. Born in a sta - ble, cra - dled in a

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S man - ger, In the world His hands had made Born a Strang - er. Priest and *mf*

A man - ger, In the world His hands had made Born a Strang - er. Priest and *mf*

T man - ger, In the world His hands had made. Born a Strang - er, a Strang - er. *p*

B man - ger, In the world His hands had made Born a Strang - er, a Strang - er. *p*

13 **Più mosso**

S King lay fast a - sleep — In Je - ru - sa - lem, Young and old lay fast a -

A King lay fast a - sleep — In Je - ru - sa - lem, Young and old lay fast a -

T *mf* Priest and King lay fast a - sleep — In Je - ru - sa - lem, Young and old lay fast a -

B *mf* Priest and King lay fast a - sleep — In Je - ru - sa - lem, Young and old lay fast a -

13 **Più mosso**

mf

17 *poco rit.* **Tempo primo**

S sleep In crowd - ed Beth - le - hem. Saint and an - gel, ox and

A sleep In crowd - ed Beth - le - hem. Saint and an - gel, ox and

T sleep In crowd ed Beth - le - hem. Saint and an - gel, ox and

B sleep In crowd - ed Beth - le - hem. Saint and an - gel, ox and

17 *poco rit.* **Tempo primo**

mp

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S
ass, Kept a watch to - geth - er, Be - fore the Christ - mas day - break In the

A
ass, Kept a watch to - geth - er, Be - fore the Christ - mas day - break In the

T
ass, Kept a watch to - geth - er, Be - fore the Christ - mas day - break In the

B
ass, Kept a watch to - geth - er, Be - fore the Christ - mas day - break In the

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S
rit. win - ter weath - er. *p* Je - sus on His Moth - er's breast In the

A
rit. win - ter weath - er. *p* Je - sus on His Moth - er's breast In the

T
rit. win - ter weath - er. *p* Je - sus on His Moth - er's breast In the

B
rit. win - ter weath - er. *a tempo* *p* Moth - er's breast In the

25

29 *mp* sta - ble cold, Spot - less Lamb of God was He, Shep - herd of the fold; Let us

A *mp* sta - ble cold, Spot - less Lamb of God was He, Shep - herd of the fold; Let us

T *mp* sta - ble cold, Spot - less Lamb of God was He, Shep - herd of the fold; Let us

B *mp* sta - ble cold. Spot - less Lamb of God was He, Shep - herd of the fold; Let us

29 *mp*

33 kneel with Ma - ry maid, With Jo - seph bent and hoar - y, With saint and an - gel, ox and

A kneel with Ma - ry maid, With Jo - seph bent and hoar - y, With saint and an - gel, ox and

T kneel with Ma - ry maid, With Jo - seph bent and hoar - y, With saint and an - gel, ox and

B kneel with Ma - ry maid, With Jo - seph bent and hoar - y, With saint and an - gel, ox and

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38 *mf* *mp* *rit. poco a poco* *p*

S ass, To hail the King of Glo - ry, to hail the King of Glo - ry, to

A ass, To hail the King, the King of Glo - ry, to hail the King of Glo - ry,

T ass, hail the King, the King of Glo - ry, to hail the King of Glo - ry,

B ass, hail the King of Glo - ry, to hail the King of Glo - ry,

38 *mf* *mp* *rit. poco a poco* *p*

43 *p* *p* *p*

S hail the King of Glo - ry.

A hail the King of Glo - ry.

T hail the King of Glo - ry.

B hail the King of Glo - ry.

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