

# The Manger Cradles a King

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with elated faces, voices, and diction ♩ = 63

The musical score is arranged in three systems. The first system features a Piano part with a treble and bass clef, marked with a forte *f* dynamic. The second system includes a Soprano (S) vocal line with lyrics: "There's a song \_\_\_\_\_ in the air! There's a star \_\_\_\_\_ in the", and a Piano (Pno.) accompaniment marked with a mezzo-forte *mf* dynamic, including a triplet of eighth notes and fingerings 1 and 2. The third system includes a Soprano (S) vocal line with lyrics: "sky! There's a moth - er's — deep prayer And a ba - by's low cry! And the", a Bass (B) vocal line, and a Piano (Pno.) accompaniment with a triplet of eighth notes and fingerings 3, 2, 1. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8.

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2  
16

S  
star rains its fire while the beau - ti - ful\_\_ sing, For the man - ger of

B  
star rains its fire while the beau - ti - ful\_\_ sing, For the man - ger

Pno.

21

S  
Beth - le - hem\_\_ cra-dles a King!\_\_\_\_\_

B  
of Beth - le - hem\_\_ cra-dles a King!\_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

26

S  
*f* There's a tu-mult of joy\_\_\_\_\_ O'er the

B  
*f* There's a tu-mult of joy\_\_\_\_\_ O'er the pro-phe-sied birth,\_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

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30

S  
pro- phe- sied birth, \_\_\_\_\_ For the Vir- gin's sweet boy \_\_\_\_\_ Is the

B  
\_\_\_\_\_ For the Vir- gin's sweet boy \_\_\_\_\_ Is the Lord of the earth. \_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

34

S  
Lord of the earth. \_\_\_\_\_ And the star rains its fire \_\_\_\_\_ while the

B  
\_\_\_\_\_ And the star rains its fire \_\_\_\_\_ while the beau- ti- ful sing, \_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

38

S  
beau- ti - ful sing, \_\_\_\_\_ For the man - ger of Beth - le - hem

B  
\_\_\_\_\_ For the man - ger of Beth - le - hem \_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

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*moving ahead into new tempo*  
**mp**

42

S  
cra - dles a King! In the

B  
cra - dles a King! In the

Pno.  
*f* *mp* *p ben legato*

47  $\text{♩} = 72$

S  
light of that star Lie the a - ges im -

B  
light of that star Lie the a - ges im -

Pno.

50

S  
pearled; And that song from a - far Has swept

B  
pearled; And that song from a - far Has swept

Pno.

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53 *poco accel.*

S  
o - ver the world. \_\_\_\_\_

B  
o - ver the world. \_\_\_\_\_ *mf* Ev - 'ry

Pno.

56 *slightly faster still* *mf* ♩ = 76

S  
Ev - 'ry breath is \_\_\_\_\_ a-flame, \_\_\_\_\_ and the

B  
breath is \_\_\_\_\_ a-flame, \_\_\_\_\_ and the beau - ti - ful \_\_\_\_\_ sing \_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

*mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

59 *cresc. poco a poco* *f*

S  
beau - ti - ful \_\_\_\_\_ sing in the homes \_\_\_\_\_ of the na - tions that Je - sus \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_

B  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the homes \_\_\_\_\_ of the na - tions that Je - sus \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

*f*

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6  
62

S  
King! \_\_\_\_\_

B  
King! \_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

dim. 2

65

S  
*mf*  
Ev - 'ry breath is \_\_\_\_\_ a - flame, and the

B  
*mf*  
Ev - 'ry breath is \_\_\_\_\_ a - flame

Pno.

*mp*

68

S  
beau - ti - ful \_\_\_\_\_ sing \_\_\_\_\_ in the homes of the na - tions

B  
and the beau - ti - ful \_\_\_\_\_ sing in the homes of the na - tions

Pno.

*cresc.*  
*cresc.*  
1

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71 *f* *slowing to original tempo*

S that Je - sus is King!

B that Je - sus is King!

Pno. *f* *slowing to original tempo*

74 *mf*  $\text{♩} = 63$

S We re - jice in the light, And we e - cho the song

B *mf* We re - jice in the light, And we e - cho the song

Pno. *mf*  $\text{♩} = 63$

78

S That comes down thru the night From the

B That comes down thru the night From the

Pno.  $\text{♩} = 63$

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*Small "lift" to clarify text.*

8  
81

S  
B

hea - ven - ly throng. And we shout to the love - ly e -

Pno.

85

S  
B

van - gel — they bring, And we

Pno.

89

S  
B

greet in His cra - dle, — our Sa - vior and King!

Pno.



93

S *p* our Sa - vior and King! *f* our Sa - vior and

B *p* our Sa - vior and King! *f* our Sa - vior and

Pno. *p* *f*

97

S King! Our King!

B King! Our King!

Pno. *sfz*