

A MIRACLE IS BORN

(SATB)

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Reverently (♩ = 66-72)

Piano

The piano introduction consists of four measures in 4/4 time, starting with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The right hand plays a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The piece concludes with a *rit.* (ritardando) marking and a *(simile)* instruction.

5

S
A

1. On a si - lent, ho - ly night a star shines bright, And re - veals the time long fore - told is

p (unison)

T
B

a tempo

The vocal parts (Soprano and Alto) enter at measure 5 with a whole note rest. The Tenor and Bass parts enter with a melodic line. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady eighth-note pattern. The lyrics are: "1. On a si - lent, ho - ly night a star shines bright, And re - veals the time long fore - told is". The piano part includes a *p* (piano) dynamic and an *a tempo* marking.

8

S
A

come. For, as the earth grows still, God's prom - ise is ful - filled.

T
B

The vocal parts (Soprano and Alto) enter at measure 8 with a whole note rest. The Tenor and Bass parts enter with a melodic line. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady eighth-note pattern. The lyrics are: "come. For, as the earth grows still, God's prom - ise is ful - filled." The piano part includes a *p* (piano) dynamic and a slur over the first few notes.

11

S
A

With His love, He sends us His Son.

T
B

rit.

14

a tempo
mp (unison)

S
A

2. Ma-ry wraps her new-born babe in swad-dling bands, Know-ing He's God's On-ly Be-got-ten

T
B

a tempo
mp

17

S
A

Son. She whis-pers in His ear Her joy that He is here, And de-clar-es a mir-a-cle is

T
B

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21

S A

born. She knows sal - va - tion is come In God's Ho-ly Son. His

T B

Piano

mf *f* *rit.*

26

S A

birth that heav'n pro - claims Leaves earth for - ev - er changed. On this night a mir - a - cle is

T B

Piano

a tempo

29

S A

born.

T B

Piano

mf

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34 *mf*

S
A

T
B

3. Rev-'rence fills each heart as ho-ly an-gels sing,

mf

39

S
A

T
B

Prais-ing God on high for His gift of love. Their heart-felt hymns de-clare God

42

S
A

T
B

hears and an-swears prayer. For our sake, He sends us His Son.

rit.

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a tempo
46 *mf*

S
A

4. Shep-herds hum - bly kneel be - side His man - ger bed, And be - hold the sym - bol of God's pure

T
B

a tempo

49

S
A

love. This babe the earth re - ceives Brings hope to all that breathe. On this night a mir - a - cle is

T
B

53 *f*

S
A

born. They know sal - va - - - tion is come In God's Ho - ly

T
B

mf *f*

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57 *rit.* *a tempo*

S
A
T
B

Son. His birth that heav'n pro-claims Leaves earth for-ev-er changed.

Son, God's Ho-ly Son. *a tempo*

60 *cresc.* *rit.*

S
A
T
B

On this night a mir-a-cle is born to raise our souls to heav'n.

cresc. *rit.*

cresc. *rit.*

62 *a tempo* *mf* *decresc.* *rit.* *a tempo* *mp*

S
A
T
B

On this night a mir-a-cle is born.

mf *decresc.* *rit.* *mp*

a tempo *mf* *decresc.* *rit.* *a tempo* *mp* *rit.*