

Commissioned by The Bach Choir in celebration of the 70th birthday of Sir David Willcocks

CHRISTMAS LULLABY

For Mixed Voices, S.A.T.B., with Organ

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

1. Clear in the
2. Where are his

Organ Sw. p

Man. Ped.

6 (42)

dark - ness a light shines in Beth-le-hem: An - gels are sing - ing, their
cour - tiers, and who are his peo - ple? Why does he bear nei - ther

11 (47)

V. 1: TENORS and BASSES
V. 2: SOPRANOS and ALTOS

sound fills the air. Wise men have jour - neyed to greet their Mes -
scep - tre nor crown? Shep - herds his cour - tiers, the poor for his

mp

31 (67)

unis. p
a - ve Ma - ri - a, Maid - en, and moth - er of Je - sus our
p
a - ve - Ma - ri - a, - Maid - en, and moth - er of Je - sus our
p
a - ve - Ma - ri - a, - Maid - en, and moth - er of - Je - sus - our
p
a - ve Ma - ri - a, Maid - en, and moth - er of Je - sus our

dim. p

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1st time
King'.
div.

1st time Ch. Fl.

6

72

2nd time

King'

2nd time Gt. or Ch. Fl.

77

p

3. What though your trea - sures are not gold or in - cense? Lay them be.

82

mf

fore him with hearts full of love. Praise to the Christ child, and

87

mp

praise to his moth - er Who bore us a Sav - iour by grace from a

bove. — 'A - ve Ma - ri - a': — Hear, O

unls. (mp)

'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a':

p Sw. *p* Ped.

S. hear the lul - la - by an - gels sing. — 'A - ve Ma -

A. hear the lul - la - by an - gels sing. — 'A - ve Ma -

T. Hear the soft lul - la - by the an - gel hosts sing. — 'A - ve Ma -

B. Hear the soft lul - la - by the an - gel hosts sing. — 'A - ve Ma -

Man. *f dolce*

Ped.

f dolce *div.*

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- ri a, a - ve Ma - ri - a, Maid - en, and
 - ri a, a - ve Ma - ri - a, Maid - en, and
 - ri a, a - ve Ma - ri - a, Maid - en, and
 - ri a, a - ve Ma - ri - a, Maid - en, and
 - ri a, a - ve Ma - ri - a, Maid - en, and

unis. p

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moth - er of Je - sus our King'
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 Rall.

dln. fp

dln. fp

dln. fp

div. dln. fp

Rall. fp