

Dedicated to Terry Sanford

A Christmas Hymn

SSAATTBB a cappella

Poem by
Richard Wilbur

Music by
Dave Brubeck

♩ = 80

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR *mf*

BASS *mf*

PIANO (For Rehearsal Only) *mf*

And some of the Phar-i-sees from a - mong the mul-ti-tude said un to Him, "Mas ter, re buke Thy dis-

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S

A

T
ci - ples." And He ans - wered and said un - to them, "I tell you, if these were si - lent,

B
ci - ples." And He ans - wered and said un - to them, "I tell you, if these were si - lent,

6

ff

ff

11

S
A sta - ble lamp is light - ed Whose

A
sta - ble lamp is light - ed Whose

T
the ve - ry stones would cry out."

B
the ve - ry stones would cry out."

11

mp

mp

div.

div.

mp

15 *pp*

S glow shall wake the sky; The stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall

A glow shall wake the sky; The stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall

T and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall

B and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall

15 *pp*

22

S cry, — And straw like gold shall shine: A barn shall harbour heaven, A

A cry, — And straw like gold shall shine; A barn shall harbour heaven, A

T cry,

B cry,

22

27

S stall be - come a shrine, be - come a shrine, and ev - ery stone shall cry. "I tell you, if

A stall be - come a shrine, be - come a shrine, and ev - ery stone shall cry. "I tell you, if

T 8 "I tell you, if

B "I tell you, if

31

S these were si - lent, the ve - ry stones would cry out." This child through Dav - id's

A these were si - lent, the ve - ry stones would cry out." This child through Dav - id's

T these were si - lent, the ve - ry stones would cry out." This child through Dav - id's

B these were si - lent, the ve - ry stones would cry out." This child through Dav - id's

31

35 *cresc.* *mp* *pp*

S cit - y ——— Shall ride in tri - umph by; The palm shall strew it's branch - es, — And ev - ery stone shall

A cit - y ——— Shall ride in tri - umph by; The palm shall strew it's branch - es, — And ev - ery stone shall

T cit - y ——— Shall ride in tri - umph by; The palm shall strew it's branch - es, — And ev - ery stone shall

B cit - y ——— Shall ride in tri - umph by; The palm shall strew it's branch - es, — And ev - ery stone shall

35 *cresc.* *mp* *pp*

41 *f* *cresc.*

S cry. And ev - ery stone shall cry ——— Though hea - vy, dull and dumb, And lie with - in the

A cry. And ev - ery stone shall cry ——— Though hea - vy, — dull — and — dumb, And lie — with - in — the —

T cry.

B cry.

41 *f* *cresc.*

47 *decresc.* *pp*

S road-way To pave His king - dom come.

A road-way To pave His king - dom come.

T 8 *p* Yet He shall be for - sak - en for-sak - en, and yield - ed up to

B *p* Yet He shall be for - sak - en, for-sak - en, and yield - ed up to

47 *decresc.* *pp*

53

S

A

T 8 *decresc.* *cresc.*
die, The sky shall groan and dar-ken, and ev - ery stone shall cry; And ev - ery stone shall

B *decresc.* *cresc.*
die, to die; The sky shall groan and dar-ken, and ev - ery stone shall cry; And ev - ery stone shall

53 *decresc.* *cresc.*

59

S

A

T
8

B

decresc. *f* *cresc.* *p* *decresc.*

decresc. *f* *cresc.* *p* *decresc.*

cry, For sto - ny hearts of men; God's blood up - on the spear-head, God's love re - fused a -

cry, For sto - ny hearts of men; God's blood up - on the spear-head, God's love re - fused a -

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decresc. *f* *cresc.* *p* *decresc.*

65

S

A

T

B

f *decresc.* *f* *f*

f *decresc.* *f* *f*

gain. *decresc.* *f* *f*

gain. *decresc.* *f* *f*

But now, as at the end - ing, The low is lift - ed high; The stars shall bend their

But now, as at the end - ing, The low is lift - ed high; The stars shall bend their

gain. But now, as at the end - ing, The low is lift - ed high; The stars shall bend their

gain. But now, as at the end - ing, The low is lift - ed high; The stars shall bend their

65

f *decresc.* *f* *f*

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S
 voi - ces, And ev - ery stone shall cry. And ev - ery stone shall cry, _____ In

A
 voi - ces, And ev - ery stone shall cry. And ev - ery stone shall cry In

T
 voi - ces, And ev - ery stone shall cry. And ev - ery stone shall cry, In

B
 voi - ces, And ev - ery stone shall cry. And ev - ery stone shall cry In

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S
 praise of the child By whose des - cent a - mong us The worlds are re - con - ciled.

A
 praise of the child By whose des - cent a - mong us The worlds are re - con - ciled.

T
 praise of the child By whose des - cent a - mong us The worlds are re - con - ciled. _____

B
 praise of the child By whose des - cent a - mong us The worlds are re - con - ciled.

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