

*for Alex***THERE WAS A CHILD WENT FORTH**for S.S.A. voices and piano
with optional SoundTrax CD*Words by **WALT WHITMAN** (1819-1892)
Adapted by **DOUGLAS E. WAGNER**Music by
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With gentle forward motion (♩ = ca. 120)

PIANO

7 SOPRANO I *mp* 9

SOPRANO II

ALTO

There — was a

mp

There — was a

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child went forth, _____ there _

child went forth, _____ there _

13

was a child went forth ev - 'ry

was a child went forth ev - 'ry

17

mf day; _____ And the first thing that he saw, _____ and the

day; _____

19

first thing that he looked up-on, - the first thing that his eyes -
mf
 the first thing that his eyes -

22

re - ceived... he be - came...
 re - ceived... he be - came...

25

26

mp
 The grass and morn - ing glo - ries, the

28

sprouts of yel - low corn, —

mp

the nois - y brood of the barn-

31

- yard, and the March lambs, — new - born.

mf

The

34

ap - ple trees with their blos - soms — on strong fruit - bear - ing limbs, —

mf

37

these be - came _ and will al - ways re - main _ a

mf

these be - came _ and will al - ways re - main _ a

40

part of him. There _ was a

mp

part of him.

42

43

child went forth, _ there _

mp

There _ was a child went

46

was a child went forth ev - 'ry
 forth, _____ there — was a

49

day; And the
 child went forth ev - 'ry day; _____

mf

52

first thing that she saw, _____ and the first thing that she

55

looked up - on, — the first thing that her eyes — re - ceived... —

mf

the first thing that her eyes — re - ceived . —

58

— she be - came. —

mp

— she be - came. — The

61

— at sun - set, far a - way, —

mp

vil - lage on — the high - land

64

the mul - ti - col - ored cloud ___ banks that ___

67

fade at end ___ of day. The shim - mer of ___ the riv -

- er the lone - ly trav - el - er, ___

these be-came _ and will al-ways re-main _ a part of

mf these be-came _ and will al-ways re-main _ a part of

her. There _ was a child went

f her. There _ was a child went

forth, there _ was a

forth, there _ was a

82

child went forth ev - 'ry day; And the
child went forth ev - 'ry day;

85

first thing that he saw, and the first thing that she

88

looked up - on, the first thing that their eyes re - ceived...
the first thing that their eyes re - ceived...

they be-came. —

they be-came. —

rit.

rit. e decresc.

mf
A child went forth.

mf
A child went forth.

mf

Ped.