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# BORN A STRANGER

for S.A.T.B. voices and piano  
with optional PianoTrax CD\*

Words adapted from "Before the Paling of the Stars"  
by CHRISTINA ROSSETTI (1830-1894)

Music by  
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Expressively (♩ = ca. 88)

PIANO

4 *poco rit.* SOPRANO  
ALTO  
TENOR  
BASS

5 *a tempo* *mp*

Be - fore the pa - ling of the

6

stars, be - fore the win - ter morn. \_\_\_\_\_

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Be - fore the mourn - ing dove could sing, — Je - sus was

born. Born in a sta - ble,

*cresc.*

cra-dled in a man - ger, in a world his hands had made,

*mf* *rit. e decresc.*

*mf* *decresc.*

in a world his hands had made, —

*mf* *rit. e decresc.*

17 *mp* *a tempo*

born a stran - ger.

*mp*

*mp* *a tempo*

20 *poco rit.* 21 *a tempo*

Je - sus in his moth - er's arms,

*poco rit.* *a tempo*

23 *mp*

Spot - less lamb of

in a sta - ble cold,

26

God was he, shep - herd of the fold.

shep - herd of the fold.

Piano accompaniment for measures 26-28.

29

Let us kneel with Mar - y maid, with Jo - seph bent and

*p*

Oo

Piano accompaniment for measures 29-31.

32

gray, with saint and an - gel, ox and lamb, to

*cresc.*

*mp*

Piano accompaniment for measures 32-34.

*cresc.*

35

*rit.* , *mf*

hail the king of glo - ry, glo - ry.

*cresc.* , *mf*

*rit.* , *mf*

38

*a tempo*

*a tempo*  
*mp*

41

*poco rit.*

42

*a tempo*

*mp*

*poco rit.*

*a tempo*

Be - fore the pal - ing of the

43

*mp*

Be - fore the pal - ing of the  
stars, be - fore the win - ter morn.

45

stars, be - fore the win - ter morn.  
Be fore the mourn - ing dove could

47

Be - fore the mourn - ing dove could  
sing, Je - sus was born.

49 50 *cresc.*

sing, Je - sus was born in a sta - ble, cra-dled in a man - ger,

*cresc.*

Born in a sta - ble, cra-dled in a man - ger,

*cresc.*

52 *mf* *rit. e decresc.*

in a world his hands had made, born a

*mf* *decresc.*

in a world his hands had made, born a

*mf* *rit. e decresc.*

55 56 *mp* *a tempo p*

stran ger. Be - fore the pal - ing of the

*mp*

stran - ger.

*mp* *a tempo p*



57

stars, *p* be - fore the mourn - ing dove could

Be - fore the pal - ing of the stars,

59

sing, *rit.* *slowly* be - fore the

be - fore the mourn - ing dove could sing, *rit.* *slowly* be - fore the

62

*a tempo* win - ter morn. *molto rit.* Je - sus was born.

win - ter morn. *a tempo* *molto rit.*

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