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BORN A STRANGER

for S.S.A. 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

mp

4 *poco rit.* SOPRANO I 5 *a tempo* *mp*

SOPRANO II

ALTO

Be - fore the pal - ing of the

poco rit. *a tempo*

6

stars, be - fore the win - ter morn.

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

mp

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

born. _____ Born in a sta - ble,

cresc.

born. _____ Born in a sta - ble,

cresc.

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

mf *rit. e decresc.* ,

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

mf *decresc.* ,

mf *rit. e decresc.*

17 *mp* *a tempo*

born a stran - ger.

mp

born a stran - ger.

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, spot - less lamb of

God was he, shep - herd of the fold.

God was he, shep - herd of the fold.

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

S. II
p

A.
Oo

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

mp cresc.

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

cresc.

35 *rit.* , *mf*
hail the king of glo - ry, glo - ry.
hail the king of glo - ry, glo - ry.
rit. *mf*

38 *a tempo*
SOPRANO I
SOPRANO II
ALTO
a tempo
mp

41 *poco rit.* 42 *a tempo*
mp
Be - fore the pal - ing of the
poco rit. *a tempo*

43

mp

Be - fore the pal - ing of the

stars, be - fore the win - ter morn.

stars, be - fore the win - ter morn.

Be - fore the mourn - ing dove could

sing, Je - sus was born.

Be - fore the mourn - ing dove could

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, be - fore the mourn - ing dove could

p

Be - fore the pal - ing of the stars,

59

sing, be - fore the

be - fore the mourn - ing dove could sing, be - fore the

rit. *slowly*

rit. *slowly*

62

win - ter morn.

win - ter morn, Je - sus was born.

a tempo *molto rit.*

a tempo *molto rit.*

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