

Dedicated to the St. Charles Singers, Illinois—Jeff Hunt, Director

**I SING THE BIRTH**

for S.A.T.B. divisi voices, a cappella\*

Words by

**BEN JONSON** (1573-1637)

Music by

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With wonder, freely (♩ = ca. 60)

SOLO  
(or small group)

*mp*

I sing the birth was born to - night, the

3  
au - thor both of life and light; the an - gels so did

6  
sound — it, and like the rav - ished shep - herds said, who

9  
*mf* *decesc.* *poco rit.*  
saw the light and were a - fraid, yet searched and true they

12  
(end solo) *p* *a tempo* **13**  
found — it

SOPRANO *a tempo* *mp*  
God, the 'ter - nal King, that

ALTO *a tempo* *mp*  
The Son of God, the 'ter - nal King, that

PIANO *a tempo*  
The — Son of God, the 'ter - nal King, that

(for rehearsal only)

*mp*

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15 did us all sal - va - tion bring, and freed the world from  
 did sal - va - tion bring, and freed the world from  
 did sal - va - tion bring, and freed, from

18 dan - ger, he whom the whole world could not take, the  
 dan - ger, he whom we could not take, the  
 dan - ger, he whom we could not take, the

21 Lord which heav'n and earth did make, was now laid in a  
 Lord, heav'n and earth did make, was now in a  
 Lord, heav'n and earth did make, was now laid in a

*mf* *decesc.* *poco rit.*

24 SOPRANO *p* *a tempo* 25

man - ger.

ALTO *p* *a tempo*

man - ger.

TENOR *a tempo*

Fa - ther's wis - dom willed so,

BASS *a tempo* *mf*

The Fa - ther's wis dom willed it so, the

*p* *a tempo* *mf*

27

Son knew no "No," both wills were in one

Son's o - be - dience knew no "No," both wills were in one

30

mp

Oo

mp

Oo

mf

8 stat - ure; wis - dom de - creed. The

mp

stat - ure; and, as that wis - dom hath de - creed. Oo

33

*poco rit.**poco rit.**poco rit. e decresc.*

word was now made flesh in - deed, and took on him our

*poco rit.**poco rit.*

37

Meno mosso (♩ = ca. 56)

*p* molto dolce

36

What com - fort by him do we win, who  
*p* molto dolce  
 What com - fort by him do we win, who  
*p* molto dolce  
 na - ture. What com - fort do we win, who  
*p* molto dolce  
 What com - fort do we win, who

Meno mosso (♩ = ca. 56)

*p*

made him - self the price of sin, to make us heirs of  
 made him - self the price of sin, to make us heirs of  
 made him - self the price of sin, to make us heirs of  
 made him - self the price of sin, to make us heirs of

42

glo - ry? To see this babe, all in - no - cence, a mar - tyr born in  
 glo - ry? To see this babe, all in - no - cence, a mar - tyr in  
 glo - ry? To see in - no - cence, a mar - tyr in  
 glo - ry? To see in - no - cence, a mar - tyr in

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can we for - get this sto - ry? *pp*  
 our de - fense, can we for - get this sto - ry? *pp*  
 de - fense, can we for - get this sto - ry? *pp*  
 de - fense, can we for - get this sto - ry? *pp*

*rit. e decresc.* *pp*