

# Communion Carol

for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied

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Originally titled  
"The First One to Know"

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Gently, with rubato (♩ = ca. 88)

8<sup>va</sup> -----

ACCOMP.

5 SOPRANO / ALTO

*poco rit.*

9

*p unis.* *a tempo*

The first one to

10

know what the Word was to be was Ma - ry, who

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*poco rit.*

17 *a tempo*

wel - comed the great mys - ter - y. Be - yond com - pre -

TENOR / BASS

*p unis.*

*poco rit.*

17 *a tempo*

18

hen - sion, she car - ried her son and knew she ex -

22

*poco rit.*

*a tempo*

*mf*

pect - ed the Sav - ior, the One. We

*mf*

*poco rit.*

*a tempo*



26

share with each oth - er the bread and the wine as

*mp*

26

*mf*

30

once more the earth and the heav - ens com - bine.

*poco rit.*

*p a tempo*

*p*

*mp*

*poco rit.*

*p a tempo*

35

37

*mp unis.*

When Jo - seph held gent - ly the

37

*mp*

39

son of his wife, he felt the con - nec - tion of

43

*poco rit.* *mp* 45 *a tempo*

He\_ cra - dled a fu - ture that

life touch - ing life.

*poco rit.* *a tempo*

45

47

he could not see, the\_ teach - er and guide that this

*p.* *p.* *p.* *p.*

51 *poco rit.* *a tempo* *mf* 54

in - fant would be. In flesh as a

*poco rit.* *a tempo* *mf* 54

55 *mp*

ba - by, our God came to earth; re - demp - tion is

*mp*

59

with us, we taste the new birth.

63

*f*

67

*mp* *p* *mf dim. molto rit.*

73

*a tempo*  
*mp* *expressively*

By — hear - ing the sto - ry and song of that night, — may —

74

*a tempo*

(Accompanist may double voices if desired.)

78

*poco rit.* , *a tempo*

we, — like the shep - herds, see Beth - le - hem's light: — the — Word that cre -

83

a - ted came in - to its own, — and — first, as a ba - by, the

88 *poco rit.* *a tempo* *mf* **91**

Sav - ior - was known. So let us re - spond to the

*poco rit.* *p* *a tempo* *mf* **91**

93 *rit.*

call we have heard by - liv - ing and tast - ing the feast of the

*rit.* *mp*

99 *a tempo* *mp unis.* *rit.* *pp*

Word. *pp*

*mp unis.* *pp*

*a tempo* *p* *rit.* *pp*

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