

Christmas Lullaby

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For Mixed Voices, S.A.T.B., with Organ

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VERSE 1: SOPRANOS and ALTOS

VERSE 2: TENORS and BASSES

Organ

Sw. *p*

Man.

Ped.

p

1. Clear in the
2. Where are his

6 (42)

(8)

dark - ness a light shines in Beth-le - hem: An - gels are sing - ing, their
cour - tiers, and who are his peo - ple? Why does he bear nei - ther

v.2:

V. 1: TENORS and BASSES
V. 2: SOPRANOS and ALTOS

11 (47)

mp

(8)

sound fills the air. Wise men have jour - neyed to greet their Mes -
scep - tre nor crown? Shep - herds his cour - tiers, the poor for his

v.2:

mp

16 (52)

(8) *p*

- si - ah; But on - ly a moth - er and ba - by lie there.
peo - ple, With peace as his scep - tre and love for his crown.

21 (57)

S. *pp dolce*
A. *pp dolce*
T. *pp dolce*
B. *pp dolce*

'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear the soft

26 (62)

S. *mf* *div.*
A. *mf*
T. *mf*
B. *mf*

lul - la - by the an - gel hosts sing. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a,

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Man. *cresc.* *mf*

Ped.

31 (67)

unis. p

a - ve Ma - ri - a, Maid - en, and moth - er of Je - sus our

p

a - ve Ma - ri - a, Maid - en, and moth - er of Je - sus our

p

a - ve Ma - ri - a, Maid - en, and moth - er of Je - sus our

p

a - ve Ma - ri - a, Maid - en, and moth - er of Je - sus our

dim. p

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1st time

King'.

div.

1st time Ch. Fl.

72

2nd time

King?

2nd time Gt. or Ch. Fl.

77

p

3. What though your trea - sures_ are not gold or in - cense?_ Lay them be -

p

82

mf

fore him with hearts full of love. Praise to the Christ child, and

mf

87

mp

praise to his_ moth - er Who bore us a Sav - iour by grace_ from a -

mp

92

p

-bove. — 'A - ve Ma - ri - a': — Hear, O

unis. (mp)

'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a':

p

Sw.

Ped.

97

S.

hear the lul - la - by an - gels sing. — 'A - ve Ma -

f dolce div.

A.

hear — the lul - la - by an - gels sing. — 'A - ve Ma -

f dolce

T.

Hear the soft lul - la - by the an - gel hosts sing. — 'A - ve Ma -

f dolce

B.

Hear the soft lul - la - by the an - gel hosts sing. — 'A - ve Ma -

f dolce

Man.

f dolce

Ped.

102

unis. p

- ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a, Maid - en, and

p

- ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a, Maid - en, and

p

- ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a, Maid - en, and

p

- ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a, Maid - en, and

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Rall. dim. pp

moth - er of Je - sus our King'

dim. pp

moth - er of Je - sus our King'

dim. pp

moth - er of Je - sus our King'

div. dim. pp

moth - er of Je - sus our King'

Rall. pp