

for the John Carroll Men's Choir

Brightest and Best



For TTBB and Optional Percussion

Performance Time: Approx. 2:45

American Folk Hymn
Arranged by KEN BÉRG

With an energetic, Gospel-Rock feel (♩ = ca. 125)

Shakers

Congas and/or Bongos

mp

5 Percussion: *sim.*, *ad lib.* to m. 101

Tenor I/II
Unis. *mp*

with quiet energy

Bright - est and best ____ of the sons ____ of the morn - ing,

Rar./Bass
nis. *mp*

5

Dawn on our dark - ness and lend ____ us thine aid.

9

13

Star of the East, ____ the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



Guide where our In - fant Re - deem - er is laid!

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Bright - est and best ____ of the sons ____ of the morn - ing,

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Light to our dark - en - ing world ____ for - lorn,

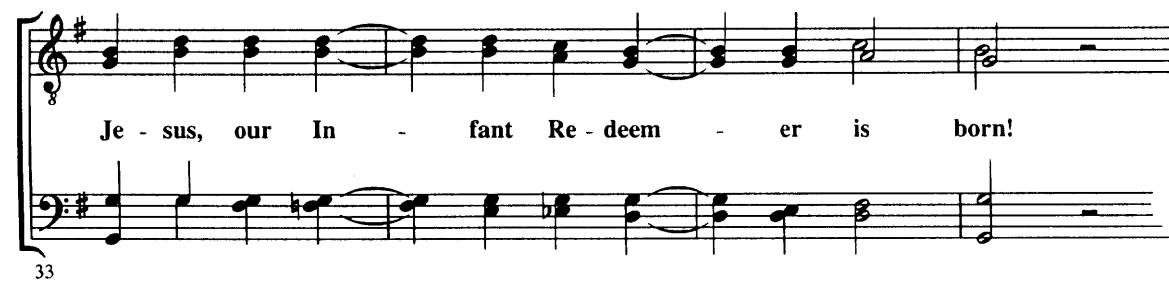
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Love from the Fa - ther in heav - en a - dorn - ing,

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Je - sus, our In - fant Re - deem - er is born!

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Unis.

Cold in His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;

He is born!

Low lies His head with the beasts in the stall;

He is born!

45

An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,

He is born!

Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.

He is born!

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Bright - est and best of the sons of the morn - ing,

He is born!

Light to our dark - en - ing world for - lorn,

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Love from the Fa - ther in heav - en a - dorn - ing,

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Je - sus, our In - fant Re - deem - er is born!

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Tenor I *mf*

Tenor II *div. mf*

Baritone *mf with increasing intensity*

Bass *mf*

He is born!

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(for rehearsal only)

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born! He is

born! He is

O - dors of E - dom and of - f'rings di - vine,

He is born!

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born! He is

born! He is

Gems from the moun - tain and pearls from the o - cean,

He is born!

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born! He is

born! He is

Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

He is born! Oh,

81

Percussion: *cresc. poco a poco*

85 *Opt. Solo or Small Group* Glo - ri - a!

born! He is

born! He is

Vain - ly we offer each ample oblation,

yes! He is born!

85

Glo - ri - a!

born! He is

born! He is

Vain - ly with gifts — would His fa - vor se - cure,

Yes! He — is — born! —

89

93

Glo - ri - a!

born! He is

born! He is

Rich - er by far — is the heart's — a - do - ra - tion,

Yes! He — is — born! —

93

93

Glo - ri - a!

born! He's the

born! He's the

Dear - er to God are the pray'rs of the poor!

Yes! He is born!

97

101 Percussion: *tacet* to m. 116

Bright - est and best of the sons of the morn - ing,

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Light to our dark - en - ing world _ for - lorn!

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Light to our dark - en - ing world _ for - lorn!

105

109

Love from the Fa - ther in heav - en a - dorn - ing,

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Love from the Fa - ther in heav - en a - dorn - ing,

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Je - sus, our In - fant Re - deem - er is

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117 Percussion: *sim., ad lib. to end*

ff

born! Bright-est and best — of the sons — of the morn-ing,

ff

born! Bright-est and best — of the sons — of the morn-ing,

ff

born! Bright-est and best — of the sons — of the morn-ing,

ff

born! Bright-est and best — of the sons — of the morn-ing,

117

ff

116

125

Light to our dark - en - ing world _ for - lorn, Love from the Fa -

Light to our dark - en - ing world _ for - lorn, Love from the Fa -

Light to our dark - en - ing world _ for - lorn, Love from the Fa -

Light to our dark - en - ing world _ for - lorn, Love from the Fa -

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- ther in heav - en a - dorn - ing, Je - sus, our In - fant Re-deem -

- ther in heav - en a - dorn - ing, Je - sus, our In - fant Re-deem -

- ther in heav - en a - dorn - ing, Je - sus, our In - fant Re-deem -

- ther in heav - en a - dorn - ing, Je - sus, our In - fant Re-deem -

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sub. p

- er is born! Je - sus, our In - fant Re-deem - er is

- er is born! Je - sus, our In - fant Re-deem - er is

- er is born! Je - sus, our In - fant Re-deem - er is

- er is born! Je - sus, our In - fant Re-deem - er is

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sub. p

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ff

born! Je - sus, our In - fant Re - deem -

born! Je - sus, our In - fant Re - deem -

born! Je - sus, our In - fant Re - deem -

born! Je - sus, our In - fant Re - deem -

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ff

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er is born! Best of the sons of the

er is, Bright-est and best of the sons of the

er is, Bright-est and best of the sons of the

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Je - sus, our In - fant Re - deem - er is born!

morn - ing, Je - sus, our In - fant Re - deem - er is born!

morn - ing, Je - sus, our In - fant Re - deem - er is born!

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