Christmas lullaby

Words and music
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Andante legato (♩ = 84)

SOPRANOS and ALTOS
unis. *p*

1. Clear in the dark-ness a light shines in Beth-le-hem:

An - gels are sing - ing, their sound fills the air.

TENORS and BASSES
unis. *mp*

Wise men have jour - neyed to

greet their Mes - si - ah; But on - ly a mo - ther and ba - by lie there.

pp dolce

'A - ve Ma - ri - a,___ a - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear the soft lul - la - by the an - gel hosts

pp dolce

sing. _____ 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a, *p*

mf

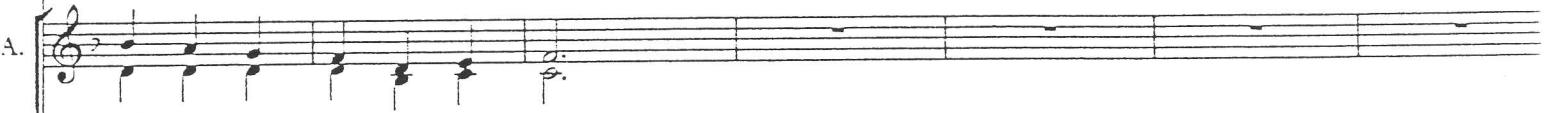sing. _____ A - - ve_ Ma - ri - a, _ a - ve_ Ma - ri - a, _ Mai - den, and

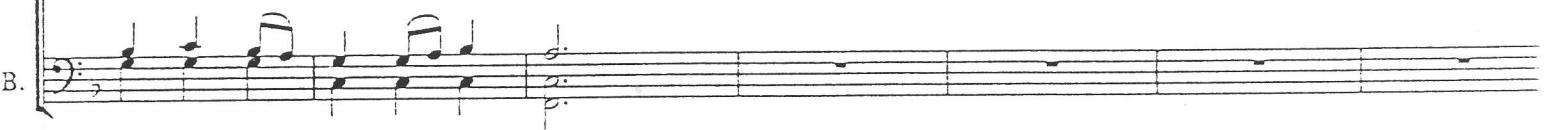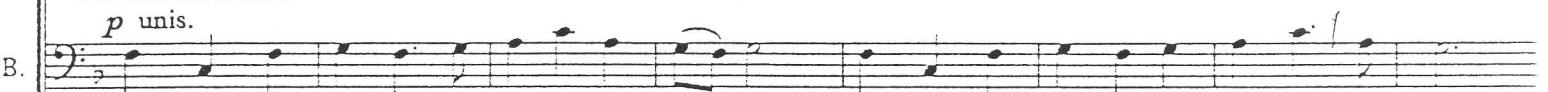*mf* *p*

sing. _____ A - ve

A.

mo - ther of_ Je - sus our King'.

B.

A.

TENORS and BASSES
p unis.

B.

2. Where are his cour-tiers, and who are his peo - ple? Why does he bear nei-ther scep-tre nor crown?

SOPRANOS
and ALTOS
mp unis.

A.

Shep-herds his cour-tiers, the poor for his peo - ple, With peace as his scep-tre and love for his crown.

B.

'A - ve Ma - ri - a,____ a - ve Ma - ri - a':____ Hear the soft lul-la-by the an - gel host

sing.____ 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a, Mai-den, and mo - ther of

Je - sus our King'. 3. What though your

trea - sures are not gold or in - cense? Lay them be - fore him with hearts full of love.____ Praise to the

Christ child,_ and praise to his mo-ther Who bore us a_ Sav-iour by grace from a - bove.

'A - ve Ma-ri - a':_____ Hear, O hear_ the lul - la-by

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

sing._____ 'A - ve Ma-ri - a, a - ve Ma-

an - - gels sing. A - ve

Ma-ri - - a,_ A-ve_ Ma -

A - ve_

an - gel hosts sing._____

-ri - a,

-ri - - a,_ Mai-den, and mo-ther of_ Je-sus_ our King'._____