

Nativity Carol

Andante tranquillo

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♩ = 96

SOPRANO
ALTO

mp 1. Born in a sta-ble so bare,
mf 3. Wise men from dis-tant far land,

TENOR
BASS

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Organ

mp 1. Born _____
mf 2. Wise _____ men,
(verse 3 accompaniment tacet)

(ped) (manual)

8

Born so long a - go; Born 'neath light of star, He who loved us
Shep - herds from star - ry hills; Wor - ship this babe so rare, Hearts with his warmth he

pp

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(ped)

16 **A** *pp* *cresc. poco a poco* *sempre cresc.*
 so. fills. si-lent he lay, Far a way, si-lent lay, Born to-day, your hom-age pay; For
 so. fills. Far a way, si-lent lay, Born to-day, your hom-age pay;

The first system of the score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with lyrics: "so. fills. si-lent he lay, Far a way, si-lent lay, Born to-day, your hom-age pay; For". The middle staff is a vocal line in bass clef with lyrics: "so. fills. Far a way, si-lent lay, Born to-day, your hom-age pay;". The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The dynamics are *pp* (pianissimo) and the tempo/mood is *cresc. poco a poco* (crescendo poco a poco) and *sempre cresc.* (sempre crescendo).

25 **B** *f* *dim.* *pp* *p*
 Christ is born for aye, Born on Christmas Day. A.T.B. Hum 2. Cra-dled by mo-ther so
 Born for aye; Born on Christ-mas Day.

The second system of the score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with lyrics: "Christ is born for aye, Born on Christmas Day. A.T.B. Hum 2. Cra-dled by mo-ther so". The middle staff is a vocal line in bass clef with lyrics: "Born for aye; Born on Christ-mas Day.". The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The dynamics are *f* (forte), *dim.* (diminuendo), *pp* (pianissimo), and *p* (piano). There is a box containing the instruction: "Straight on for verse 2 to D for verse 4".

34 fair, Ten-der her lul - la - by; Ov-er her son_ so dear An-gel hosts fill_ the

(hum)

43 sky. *pp* Far_ a - way_ si-lent he lay, Born to day, your hom-age pay; *cresc.*

(A.T.B. half-open lips)

pp *cresc.*

pp

52 *mp* Christ is born for aye, *pp* Born on Christ-mas Day. **C** **D** *espress. e dolce*

4. Love in that sta-ble was born

mf *dim.* *pp* **C** **D** *pp* (Celesta)

(ped)

61 *p* Far a -

in-to our hearts to flow; In-no-cent dream-ing babe, make me thy love_ to know. *pp*

70 *cresc. poco a poco* way si - lent lay, *mp* To - day *sempre cresc.* your hom - age

Far a way si - lent he lay, Born to - day, your hom - age

cresc. poco a poco *sempre cresc.*

pp

77 *f* pay; *mp* *pp* *rit.*

Christ is born for aye, Born on Christ mas Day.

f pay; *mp* *pp* *rit.*

mf *p* *pp* *rit.*