

CHRISTMAS PREFACE

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♩ = 80

Soprano
There, in the hay's warmth and the steam-ing sty,

Alto
There, in the hay's warmth and the steam - ing sty,

Tenor
There, in the hay's warmth and the steam-ing sty,

Bass
There, in the hay's warmth and the steam-ing sty,

Piano
for rehearsal only

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S.
The Word born to the frail - ty of flesh Cracks our mor-ta-li - ty with a weak cry

A.
The Word born to the frail - ty of flesh Cracks our mor-ta-li - ty with a weak cry

T.
The Word born to the frail - ty of flesh Cracks our mor-ta-li - ty with a weak cry

B.
The Word born to the frail - ty of flesh Cracks our mor-ta-li - ty with a weak cry

Pno.

The musical score is written for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Piano. The tempo is marked as 80 beats per minute. The lyrics are: "There, in the hay's warmth and the steam-ing sty,". The piano part is marked "for rehearsal only". The score includes a second system with lyrics: "The Word born to the frail - ty of flesh Cracks our mor-ta-li - ty with a weak cry".

4 A

S. And seals our life within his end - less-ness. The Word born to the frail-ty of flesh,

A. And seals our life within his end - less-ness. The Word born to the frail-ty of flesh,

T. And seals our life within his end - lessness. The Word born to the frail - ty of flesh,

B. And seals our life within his end - less-ness. The Word born to the frail-ty of flesh,

Pno.

6

S. He lies wrapped in the cloths of my - ste - ry, And seals our life within his endless-ness,

A. He lies wrapped in the cloths of my - ste - ry, And seals our life within his end-less-ness,

T. He lies wrapped in the cloths of my - ste - ry, And seals our life within his end - lessness,

B. He lies wrapped in the cloths of my - ste - ry, And seals our life within his end-lessness,

Pno.

8 **B**

S. In in - fant fi - ni - tude, e - terni - ty. He lies wrapped in the cloths of my - ste - ry,

A. In in - fant fi - ni - tude, e - terni - ty. He lies wrapped in the cloths of my - ste - ry,

T. In in - fant fi - ni - tude, e - terni - ty. He lies wrapped in the cloths of my - ste - ry,

B. In in - fant fi - ni - tude, e - terni - ty. He lies wrapped in the cloths of my - ste - ry,

Pno.

10

S. The straining of small limbs, un - op - ened eyes. In infant fi - nitude, e - ter - ni - ty

A. The straining of small limbs, un - op - ened eyes. In infant fi - nitude, e - ter - ni - ty

T. The straining of small limbs, un - op - ened eyes. In infant fi - nitude, e - ter - ni - ty

B. The straining of small limbs, un - op - ened eyes. In infant fi - nitude, e - ter - ni - ty

Pno.

12 C

S. And love in - vi - si - ble we re - cognize. The straining of small limbs, un - op - ened eyes

A. And love in - vi - si - ble we re - cognize. The straining of small limbs, un - op - ened eyes

T. And love in - vi - si - ble we re - cognize. The straining of small limbs, un - op - ened eyes

B. And love in - vi - si - ble we re - cognize. The straining of small limbs, un - op - ened eyes

Pno.

14

S. Draw us from torchlight to the light of glo - ry, And love in - vi - si - ble we re - cognize

A. Draw us from torchlight to the light of glo - ry, And love in - vi - si - ble we re - cognize

T. Draw us from torchlight to the light of glo - ry, And love in - vi - si - ble we re - cognize

B. Draw us from torchlight to the light of glo - ry, And love in - vi - si - ble we re - cognize

Pno.

16

S. Sha - ping the child's dream of the Christ-mas sto - ry.

A. Sha - ping the child's dream of the Christ-mas sto - ry.

T. Sha - ping the child's dream of the Christ-mas sto - ry.

B. Sha - ping the child's dream of the Christ-mas sto - ry.

Pno.

17 **D**

S. Draw us from torchlight to the light of glo - ry. Crack our mor - ta - li - ty with a weak cry,

A. Draw us from torchlight to the light of glo - ry. Crack our mor - ta - li - ty with a weak cry,

T. Draw us from torchlight to the light of glo - ry. Crack our mor - ta - li - ty with a weak cry,

B. Draw us from torchlight to the light of glo - ry. Crack our mor - ta - li - ty with a weak cry,

Pno.

19

S. Sha - ping the child's dream of the Christ - mas sto - ry,

A. Sha - ping the child's dream of the Christ - mas sto - ry,

T. Sha - ping the child's dream of the Christ - mas sto - ry,

B. Sha - ping the child's dream of the Christ - mas sto - ry,

Pno.

20

S. Here in the hay's warmth and the steam - ing sty.

A. Here in the hay's warmth and the steam - ing sty.

T. Here in the hay's warmth and the steam - ing sty.

B. Here in the hay's warmth and the steam - ing sty.

Pno.