

From CAROLS FOR CHOIRS

WEXFORD CAROL

arranged by JOHN RUTTER

for mixed chorus unaccompanied
with optional baritone solo

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Andante con moto

BARITONE
SOLO
(or full Basses)

mp flowing and expressive



1. Good peo - ple_ all, this Christ-mas-time, Con - si - der well_ and

4



bear in mind What our good God for us has done, In sending his_ be -

7

8



-lov - ed Son. With Ma - ry ho - ly we should pray To_ God with love_ this

S.

pp legato



A.

Hum

T.



B.

pp legato

12

15



Christ-mas Day; In Beth - le - hem up - on that morn There was a bless - ed Mes -



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This setting may be sung a semitone higher.

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CHOIR I (Verse 2: SOPRANOS (and ALTOS)
Verse 3: TENORS (and BASSES)

mf dolce

- si - ah born. 2. The night be - fore that
3. Near Beth - le - hem did

p *sempre legato*

CHOIR II

Aw — 2. *Aw* — *Aw* — *Aw* — *Aw* —
3. *Ah* — *Ah* — *Ah* — *Ah* — *Ah* —

p *sempre legato* 2. *Aw* *Aw* *Aw*
3. *Ah* *Ah* *Ah*

19

hap - py tide The no - ble Vir - gin and her guide Were
shep - herds keep Their flocks of lambs and feed - ing sheep; To

22

long time seek - ing up and down To find a lodg - ing
whom God's an - gels did ap - pear, Which put the shep - herds

Aw — *Aw* —
Ah — *Ah* —

Aw —
Ah —

mp
 in the town. But mark how all things came to pass: From
 in great fear. 'Pre - pare and go', the an - gels said, 'To -

dim. *più p*
Aw
Ah

p *dim.* *più p*
Aw
Ah

28

mf 30
 ev - 'ry door re - pell'd, a - las! As long fore - told, their
 Beth - le - hem, be not a - fraid; For there you'll find, this

Aw
Ah

poco cresc. *p*
Aw *Aw*
Ah *Ah*

poco cresc. *p*
Aw
Ah

31

32

1 *D.S.* 2
 re - fuge all Was but an hum - ble ox - en stall. Je - sus born.'
 hap - py morn, A prince - ly babe, sweet 4. With *f*
Ah 7
 CHOIRS
 I and II

thank-ful heart and joy-ful mind The shep-herds went the

4. With thank-ful heart and joy-ful mind The shep-herds went the

54 mind They went the

babe to find, And as God's an - - gel had fore-told, They

babe to find, And as God's an - gel had fore-told, They

57 babe to find, They did our

did our Sa - - viour Christ be - hold. With - in a man - ger

did our Sa - viour Christ be - hold. With - in a

60 Sa - - viour Christ be - hold.

he was laid, And by his side the vir-gin maid,

man - ger, by his side the maid, At - tend-ing on the

64 At - tend - ing on the

Lord of life, Who came on earth to end all strife. Hum

to end all strife. Hum

BARITONE SOLO
(or CHOIR I TENORS)

p
Good peo - ple__ all, this Christ-mas - time, Con -

dim. . . . pp *Hum*

(Hum)
dim. . . . pp

70

- si - der well__ and bear in mind What our good God for

mp

p

p

73

75

us has done, In send-ing his__ be - lov - ed Son.

rall. dim. . . . p

dim. . . . pp

dim. . . . pp

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