

# I sing the birth

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(AN HYMN ON THE NATIVITY OF MY SAVIOUR)

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**Allegretto**  
*mf* *pp*

S. Al - - - le - lu - ia!

A. Al - - - le - lu - ia!

T. \* QUASI SOLO *legato*  
*mf* I sing the birth was

B. Al - - - le - lu - ia! *pp*

T. born to-night, the au - thor both of life and light; the an - gels so did

8 *p* **a tempo** *pp*

Al - - - le - lu - ia! QUASI SOLO

Al - - - le - lu - ia! And like the rav - ish'd

sound it. *p* *pp*

A. shep - herds said, Who saw the light, and were a - fraid, Yet search'd, and true they

16 *p* **a tempo** *pp*

Al - - - le - lu - ia!

found it. *p* *pp*

Al - - - le - lu - ia! *mf*

Al - - - le - lu - ia! The Son of God, Th'E -


\* These passages should be sung in a very free manner, without any rigid adherence to tempo. They may be taken by solo voices if desired.

B. 

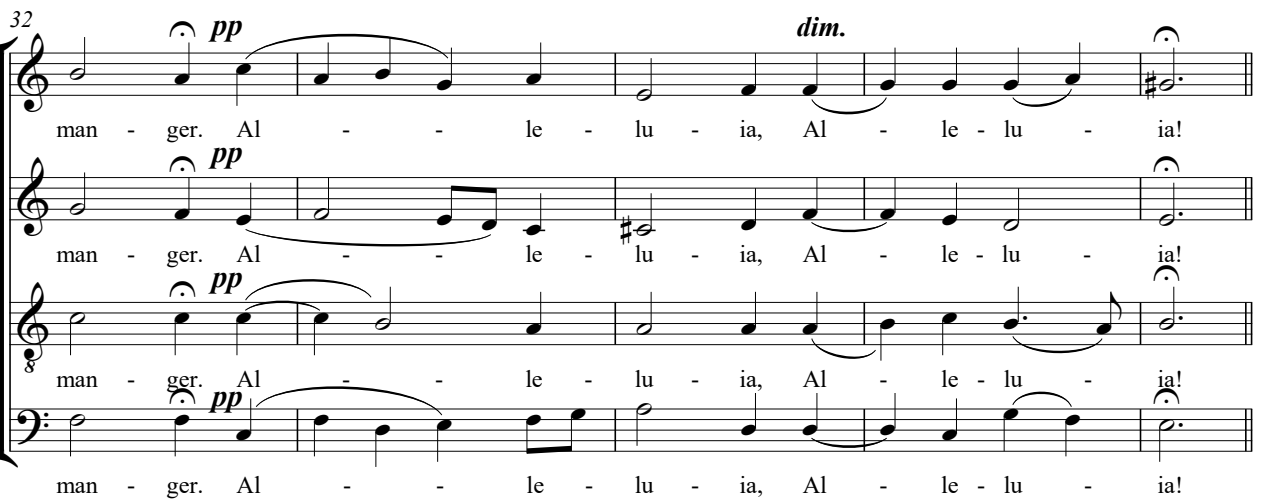
-ter - nal King, That did us all sal - va - tion bring, And freed the soul from

24 *f* *a tempo* 

*f* Al - - le - lu - ia! He Whom the whole world  
*f* Al - - le - lu - ia! He Whom the whole world  
*f* Al - - le - lu - ia! He Whom the whole world  
*f* dan - ger: He Whom the whole world

28 *dim.* 

*dim.* could not take, The Word, which heav'n and earth did make, Was now laid in a  
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32 *pp* *dim.* 

*pp* man - ger. Al - - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
*pp* man - ger. Al - - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
*pp* man - ger. Al - - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
*pp* man - ger. Al - - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

37 *mf* **a tempo** *pp*

Al - - - le - lu - ia! *pp*

Al - - - le - lu - ia! *pp*

*mf* QUASI SOLO

The Fa - ther's wis - dom

Al - - - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_

T. *mf*

will'd it so, The Son's o - be - dience knew no No, Both wills were in one

45 *p* **a tempo** *pp*

*p* Al - - - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_ QUASI SOLO *mf*

Al - - - le - lu - ia! And as that wis - dom

sta - ture; *pp*

Al - - - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_

49 *dim.*

had de - creed, The Word was now made flesh in - deed, And took on Him our

53 *p* **a tempo** *pp*

*p* Al - - - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_

na - ture. *pp*

*p* Al - - - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_ *mf* QUASI SOLO

Al - - - le - lu - ia! What com - fort by Him

B. *cresc.*

do we win, Who made Him - self the price of sin, To make us heirs of

61 *f*

Al - - le - lu - ia! To see this babe, all

Al - - le - lu - ia! To see this Babe, all

Al - - le - lu - ia! To see this Babe, all

glo - ry! To see this Babe, all

65 *dim.* *poco allargando*

in - no - cence; A mar - tyr born in our de - fence; Can man for - get this

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in - no - cence, A mar - tyr born in our de - fence; Can man for - get this

69 *pp* *più lento* *rit.*

sto - ry? Al - - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

sto - ry? Al - - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

sto - ry? Al - - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

sto - ry? Al - - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!