

Heavenly Light Descended

a Christmas carol for SATB chorus and flute (or alto recorder)

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for SATB chorus and flute (or alto recorder)
duration, c. 3:30

♩ = 60 With a supple lyricism

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p

Sopranos

Heav'n - ly — light de - scend - ed soft - ly o'er the cra - dle on the

p

Piano

4

S

hay, Bright star — shined its light to guide those who to wor - ship made their

4

Pno.

8

S

way. Tell us, tell us an - gel's sto - ry, how his glo - ry came u - pon the

mp

A

p *mp*

Tell us, tell us an - gel's — sto - ry, how his — glo - ry came — on

8

Pno.

mp

12

S she-pherds' watch, And to — them an - nounced glad ti - dings that a

A she-pherds' watch, And to them an - nounced — glad ti - dings that a —

Pno.

15

Fl. *p*

S Sav - ior was born this day.

A Sav-ior was born — this day.

T *pp cresc.* *p*

B Hm. *pp cresc.* *p* Heav'n-ly hosts pro-claimed his

Hm. — Heav'n-ly — hosts pro-claimed his

Pno.

19

Fl.

T

B

Pno.

com - ing, Christ, the Lord of heav'n and earth, *div. unis.*

com - ing, Christ, the Lord of heav'n and earth, Who came

22

Fl.

T

B

Pno.

cresc. *mp* *mp*

Who came down a low-ly in - fant, wrapped in swad - dling clothes at

cresc. *mp*

down a low-ly in - fant, wrapped in swad - dling clothes at

25

Fl.

p

T

p *cresc.* *mp*

8

birth. Tell us, tell us wise mens' — sto - ry, how they

B

p *cresc.* *mp*

birth. Tell — us, tell us wise - mens' — sto - ry, how they

Pno.

28

Fl.

mp

T

8

came to find the child — from a far, And with rev — 'rence laid be -

B

found the child — from a - far, And with — rev - - 'rence be -

Pno.

31

Fl.

S

A

T

B

Pno.

fore him gifts of frank-in-cense and myrrh. Then with

fore him laid gifts of frank-in-cense and myrrh. Then with

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

34

Fl.

S

A

T

B

Pno.

haste the shep-herds jour - neyed on their way to Beth - le -

haste the shep-herds jour - neyed on their way to Beth - le -

haste the shep-herds jour - neyed on their way to Beth - le -

haste they jour - neyed on their way to Beth - le -

44

Fl. *f*

S *f*
kneel and look in - to the in - fant's eyes, There was born a wit - ness

A *f*
kneel and look in - to the in - fant's eyes, — There was born a wit - ness

T *f*
8 kneel and look in - to his eyes, There was born — a wit - ness

B *f*
kneel and look in - to his eyes, There was born a wit - ness

Pno. *f*

47

Fl. *ff* Exultant

S *ff*
ho - ly that the child — was God's own Son. *ff* Glo - ry

A *ff*
ho - ly — that the child was God's own Son. *ff* Glo - ry

T *ff*
8 ho - ly that the child was God's own Son. — Glo - ry, —

B *ff*
ho - ly that the child was God's own Son. Glo - ry,

Pno. *ff*

50

Fl.

S

A

T

B

Pno.

streams to all who seek him on this,

streams to all who seek him on this

glo - ry streams to all who seek him on this

glo - ry streams to all who seek him on this

52

Fl.

S

A

T

B

Pno.

on this Christ - mas morn, Christ the

ra - - - diant Christ - mas morn, Christ the

on this ra - diant Christ - mas morn, Christ the,

ra - - - di-ant morn, Christ the,

54

Fl. *cresc.*
cresc.

S. Lord, the great Mes - si - ah in a

A. Lord, the great Mes - si - ah in a

T. Christ the Lord, the great Mes - si - ah, in a

B. Christ the Lord, the great Mes - si - ah, in

Pno. *cresc.*

56

Fl.

S. low - ly man - ger born. Sing, O sing to all cre -

A. low - ly man - ger born. Sing, O sing to all cre -

T. man - - - ger born. Sing, O sing to all cre -

B. man - - - ger born. Sing, O sing to all cre -

Pno.

59

Fl.

S

A

T

B

Pno.

a - tion, peace - on earth, good will to all man -

a - tion, peace on earth, to all man -

a _____ tion, peace on earth, good will to all man -

a tion, peace on earth to all man -

poco rit. a tempo

61

Fl.

S

A

T

B

Pno.

kind be giv'n, Raise to ___ God in grate - ful


kind be ___ gi - ven, Raise to ___ God in grate - ful


kind be giv'n, Raise to God grate - ful

kind be ___ giv'n, Raise to God grate - ful


maestoso, ritard - - - - -


63

Fl. 

S  cho - - - rus praise and thanks for his own

A  cho - - - rus praise and thanks for his own

T  cho - - - rus Praise and thanks for his

B  cho - - - rus Praise and thanks for his own

Pno. 

65

Fl. 

S  Son. Praise and thanks this Christ - mas morn!

A  Son. Praise and thanks this Christ - mas morn!

T  Son. Praise and thanks this Christ - mas morn!

B  Son. Praise and thanks this Christ - mas morn!

Pno. 