

4. SHEPHERDS LOUD THEIR PRAISES SINGING

(Based on the tune 'Quem Pastores')

Traditional*

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Allegretto (M.M. ♩ = 120)

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

ORGAN

f

1. Shep - herds loud their

f

f Gt. and Sw. *f*

prais - es sing - ing, Fill - the skies with an - them ring - ing:

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mf *f*

Hence all fears and sad - ness fling - ing: Born to - day - is Christ our

mf *f*

King. *p* 2. Gen - tle Child, so

mp *dim.* *p Sw.*

p

still - Thou sleep - eth, Ten - der watch His mo - ther keep - eth,

Meno mosso
(*espr.*)

a tempo

O, what pains Thy love — it reap - eth, Born to - day — is

Meno mosso

a tempo

Christ our King.

3. Kings to meet Him

forth are far - ing, Gold, frank-in - cense — and myrrh pre - par - ing:

18 Rowley: Shepherds loud their praises singing

mf Straight all to the man - ger bear - ing; *mp* Born to - day — is

mp Sw. *p*

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line in G major, starting with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and moving to mezzo-piano (*mp*). The lyrics are "Straight all to the man - ger bear - ing; Born to - day — is". The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment, starting with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and marked "Sw." (Sostenuto). It features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand.

Christ our King. *p* Lo! the star o'er Bethl - 'em

p

Detailed description: This system contains the next two staves. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "Christ our King. Lo! the star o'er Bethl - 'em" and is marked piano (*p*). The piano accompaniment continues with the same texture, also marked piano (*p*).

stay - eth: Heaven's own light — the Child ar - ray - eth: Peace on

p *p* Peace

Detailed description: This system contains the final two staves. The vocal line concludes with the lyrics "stay - eth: Heaven's own light — the Child ar - ray - eth: Peace on" and is marked piano (*p*). The piano accompaniment also concludes with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The word "Peace" is written below the final notes of the piano part.

cresc.

earth, good - will - be - wray - eth: Born - to - day - is Christ our

cresc.

on earth, Born to - day is Christ our

King. 5. Son of God, the earth - a -

f

f

f Gt. *f*

- dorn - - ing, An - - gels sing - this joy - ful

P
morn - - ing Peace — on — earth, — all — sad - - ness —
p

mp

f allargando *rit.* *ff*
scorn - - ing. Born — to - day — is Christ — our King.
f *ff*

f allargando *rit.* *ff*