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A Carol of the Nativity
For Chorus of Mixed Voices (S.C.T.B.)
(unaccompanied)*

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Andante tranquillo ♩ = 46 approx.

SOPRANO

Low - ly, laid in a man - ger, With ox - en brood - ing

CONTRALTO

Low - - - - ly, the Heav'n - ly

TENOR

Low - - - - ly, the Heav'n - ly

BASS

Low - - - - ly, the Heav'n - ly

PIANO
(for practice only)

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nigh,.... The Heav'n - ly Babe is ly - ing, His Maid - en Mo - ther

Babe is ly - - - - ing, His Mo - ther

Babe is ly - - - - ing, His Mo - ther

Babe is ly - - - - ing, His Mo - ther

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*This is designed for unaccompanied singing, but the arrangement for string orchestra can be used in conjunction with it, if desired.

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by..... Lo! the way-far-ing sa - ges, Who jour - ney'd far through the
 by..... Lo! the sa - - ges
 by..... Lo! the sa - - ges
 by..... Lo! Lo! the

p *pp* *cresc.*

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wild,..... Now wor - ship, si-lent, a - dor - ing, The Boy, The Heav'n-ly
 wor - ship, si - lent, a - dor - - - ing,
 wor - ship, si - lent, a - dor - - - ing,
 sa - ges wor - ship, a - dor - - - ing,

mf

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p
Child The Heav'n-ly Child. Leave your work and your

p *pp* *p*
The Heav'n - ly Child. Kneel in

p *pp*
The Heav'n - ly Child.

p *pp*
The Heav'n - ly Child.

p *pp* *p*

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play - time, And kneel in homage and prayer,.... The Prince of Love is

mp
hom - age, kneel in prayer,.... Kneel in

mp
Kneel in prayer, Kneel in

mp
Kneel in prayer,.... Kneel in

20 *mp*

dim. smil - ing A - sleep in His cra - dle there..... *p* Bend your heart to the

dim. hom - age, *p* kneel..... in prayer. Bend

dim. hom - age, *p* kneel in prayer. Bend

dim. hom - age, *p* kneel in prayer. Bend

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cresc. wond - er, The Birth, the Mys-te-ry mild,..... And wor - ship, si-lent, a -

cresc. your heart to the won - der, *mf* Wor - ship, a -

cresc. your heart to the won - der, *mf* Wor - ship, a -

cresc. your heart to the won - der, *mf* Wor - ship, a -

cresc. your heart to the won - der, *mf* Wor - ship, a -

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- dor - ing, The Boy, The Heav'n - ly Child - The Heav'n - ly

dim. *p*

- dor - - - - ing, The Heav'n - ly

dim. *p*

- dor - - - - ing, The Heav'n - ly

dim. *p*

- dor - - - - ing, The Heav'n - ly

dim. *p* *p*

Child. Dim the light of the lan - tern, And bare the mean a -

pp

Child. Dim the lan - tern, Mean the a -

pp

Child. Gold and

pp

Child. Gold and

pp

-bode,..... Yet gold and myrrh and in - cense Pro - claim the Son of
 - bode,..... Gold, myrrh and in - cense Pro - claim..... the
 myrrh..... and in - cense Pro - claim..... the
 myrrh and in - - - cense Pro - claim..... the
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God..... Low - ly, laid in a man - ger By Vir - gin un - de -
 Son of God..... Come,..... come,..... and
 Son of God..... Come,..... come,.....
 Son of God..... Come,..... wor - - -
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- filed, Come wor-ship, si-lent, a - dor - ing, The Boy, The Heav'n-ly
 wor-ship, wor-ship, a - dor - - - ing,
 wor-ship, wor-ship, a - dor - - - ing,
 - - ship, wor-ship, a - dor - - - ing,

Child - The Heav'n - ly Child.....
 The Boy, The Heav'n - ly Child.....
 The Boy, The Heav'n - ly Child.....
 The Boy, The Heav'n - ly Child.....
 The Boy, The Heav'n - ly Child.....