

To Dr. M. Grey Brothers  
and the Westmont Chamber Singers

# Hymn to the Nativity

Ben Johnson (1572-1637)

John Biggs

**Andante, sostenuto** ♩=84 *mf*

SOPRANO *mf* I sing the birth was born this

ALTO *mf* I sing the birth was born, was

TENOR *mf* I sing the birth was born this

BASS *mf* I sing the birth was born, was

Piano *mf*

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night, The Au - thor both of life and light; The an - gels

born this night, Au - thor both of life, of life and light; An - gels

night, The Au - thor both of life and light; The an - gels

born this night, Au - thor both of life, of life and light; An - gels

*f non arp.* *mf* *f non arp.*

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*mf* so did sound it, And *mf*  
so did sound it, And *mf*  
so did sound it, And *mf*  
so did sound it, And *mf*

*ff* dim. poco a poco

*mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

23

like the ra - vished shep - herds said, Who saw the light, and  
like the ra - vished shep-herds, the shep-herds said, Who saw the  
like the ra - vished shep - herds said, Who saw the light, and  
like the ra - vished shep-herds, the shep-herds said, Who saw the

*mf* *f* *mf*

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were a - fraid, Yet searched, and true they found it.  
 light and were a - fraid, Yet searched, and true they found it.  
 were a - fraid Yet searched, and true they found it.  
 light and were a - fraid, Yet searched, and true they found it.

*f non arp.* *ff*

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The son of God, the e - ter - nal King, That did us all sal -  
 The son of God, the e - ter - nal King, That did us all sal -  
 The son of God, the e - ter - nal King, That did us all sal -  
 The son of God, the e - ter - nal King, That did us all sal -

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va-tion bring, And freed the soul from dan - ger; He whom the whole world

va-tion bring, And freed the soul from dan - ger; He whom the whole world

va-tion bring, And freed the soul from dan - ger; He whom the whole world

va-tion bring, And freed the soul from dan - ger; He whom the whole world

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could not take, The Word, which hea-ven and earth did make, Was now laid in a

could not take, The Word, which hea-ven and earth did make, Was now laid in a

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ritard.

50 *accel.* *p* *a tempo*

man - ger. What com-fort by Him do we win? Who

man - ger. What com-fort by Him do we win? Who

man - ger. What com-fort by Him do we win? Who

man - ger. What com-fort by Him do we win? Who

*accel.* *a tempo*

*fff* *f*

56 *f*

made him-self the Prince of sin. To make us heirs of glo - ry?\_\_\_

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made him-self the Prince of sin. To make us heirs of glo - ry?\_\_\_

made him-self the Prince of sin. To make us heirs of glo - ry?\_\_\_

*f* *sim.*

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*mf*  
To see this Babe, all in - no - cence, A

*mf*  
To see this Babe, this Babe all in - no - cence,

*mf*  
To see this Babe, all in - no - cence, A

*mf*  
To see this Babe, this Babe all in - no - cence,

*ff* *mf* non arp.

69

*ritard.* *p* *a tempo*  
Mar - tyr born in our de - fence, Can man for -

*p*  
Born a Mar-tyr, a mar-tyr in our de - fence, Can man for -

*p*  
Mar - tyr born in our de - fence, Can man for -

*p*  
Born a Mar-tyr, a mar-tyr in our de - fence, Can man for -

*ritard.* *f* *mf* *a tempo*

75

get, Can man for - get, Can  
 get, Can man for - get, Can  
 get, Can man for - get, Can  
 get, Can man for - get, Can

78 **ritardando**

man for - get this sto - ry?  
 man for - get this sto - ry?  
 man for - get this sto - ry?  
 man for - get this sto - ry?

**ritardando**

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