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The Shepherds' Farewell

from "The Childhood of Christ" (Opus 25)

SAB chorus with keyboard accompaniment

Performance time: 3:24

Hector Berlioz (1803-1869)

Text: alt. RCVH

Arranged by Robert C. Van Howten

Allegretto $\text{♩} = 90$

Soprano
Alto
Bass
Keyboard

Christ de - parts his
Christ de - parts his
Christ de - parts his

mp

7

S.
A.
B.

man - ger dwell - ing, the low - ly crib, the sta - ble bare.
man - ger dwell - ing, the low - ly crib, the sta - ble bare.
man - ger dwell - ing, the low - ly crib, the sta - ble bare.

mp

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mf *dim.*

S. Child, all mor - tals all ex - cel - ling, who comes to us God's

mf *dim.*

A. Child, all mor - tals all ex - cel - ling, who comes to us God's

mf *dim.*

B. Child, all mor - tals all ex - cel - ling, who comes to us God's

mf *dim.*

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mp

S. love to share. Faith - ful Jo - seph, Ho - ly Ma - ry

mp

A. love to share. Faith - ful Jo - seph, Ho - ly Ma - ry

mp

B. love to share. Faith - ful Jo - seph, Ho - ly Ma - ry

mp

25

mf

S. guard and guide with ten - der care! Faith - ful Jo - seph,

mf

A. guard and guide with ten - der care! Faith - ful Jo - seph,

mf

B. guard and guide with ten - der care! Faith - ful Jo - seph,

mf *f*

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mf *mp* *rit.*

S. Ho - ly Ma - ry guard and guide with gen - tle care!

mf *mp* *rit.*

A. Ho - ly Ma - ry guard and guide with gen - tle care!

mf *mp* *rit.*

B. Ho - ly Ma - ry guard and guide with gen - tle care!

mf *mp* *rit.*

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a tempo *poco rit.* *a tempo*

S. Guard and guide with gen - tle care!

A. Guard and guide with gen - tle care!

B. Guard and guide with gen - tle care!

a tempo *poco rit.* *a tempo*

a tempo *poco rit.* *a tempo* *mp*

44

mp

S. Ho - ly Child be with us ev - er, a - bide with us and

A. Ho - ly Child be with us ev - er, a - bide with us and

B. Ho - ly Child be with us ev - er, a - bide with us and

mp

51

S. *mf*
those_ we love. In all a - ges, gen - er - a - tions, O

A. *mf*
those we love. In all a - ges, gen - er - ra - tions, O

B. *mf*
those_ we love. In all a - ges, gen - er - a - tions, O

57

S. *dim.* *mp*
guard and guide us from_ a - bove. May we ev - er

A. *dim.* *mp*
guard_ and guide_ us from_ a - bove. May we ev - er

B. *dim.* *mp*
guard and guide us from_ a - bove. May we ev - er

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S. *mf*
 praise your good - ness and your ev - er con - stant love!

A. *mf*
 praise your good - ness and your ev - er con - stant love!

B. *mf*
 praise your good - ness and your ev - er con - stant love!

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S. *f* *mf* *mp*
 May we ev - er praise your good - ness and your ev - er

A. *f* *mf* *mp*
 May we ev - er praise your good - ness and your ev - er

B. *f* *mf* *mp*
 May we ev - er praise your good - ness and your ev - er