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of the 70th birthday of Sir David Willcocks

Christmas Lullaby

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Andante legato ($\text{♩} = 84$)

ORGAN

Sw. p

Man.

VERSE 1: SOPRANOS & ALTOS
VERSE 2: TENORS & BASSES

5(41)

p

1. Clear in the dark - ness a light shines in Beth - le - hem:
2. Where are his cour - tiers, and who are his peo - ple?

Ped.

9(45)

An - gels are sing - ing, their sound fills the air.
Why does he bear nei - ther scep - tre nor crown?

An orchestral accompaniment is available on hire (fl., ob., cl., 2 hr., and strings).

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V.1: TENORS & BASSES
V.2: SOPRANOS & ALTOS

13(49)

mp

Wise men have jour - neyed to greet their Mes - si - ah; But
Shep - herds his cour - tiers, the poor for his peo - ple, With

17(53)

on - ly a mo - ther and ba - by lie there.
peace as his scep - tre and love for his crown.

21(57) *pp dolce*

S. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear the soft
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T. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear the soft
B. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear the soft

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26(62)

lul-la-by the an-gel hosts sing. *mf* 'A - ve Ma - ri - a,

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lul-la-by the an-gel hosts sing. *mf* 'A - ve Ma - ri - a,

cresc. *mf*

Ped.

31(67)

a - ve Ma - ri - a, *p* Mai - den, and mo - ther of Je - sus our

a - ve Ma - ri - a, *p* Mai - den, and mo - ther of Je - sus our

a - ve Ma - ri - a, *p* Mai - den, and mo - ther of Je - sus our

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dim. *p*

o King
c
a
F

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