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# Christmas Lullaby

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**Andante legato** (♩ = 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?

v.2:

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

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## V.1: TENORS &amp; BASSES

## V.2: SOPRANOS &amp; 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 as 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  
 A. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear the soft  
 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



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

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

*dim.* *p*

36 1

S.  
A.

King'.

T.  
B.

1 Ch. Fl.

72 2

King'.

2 Gt. or Ch. Fl.

Ped.

77 p

3. What though your trea - sures are not gold or in - cense? Lay them be -

p



82 *mf*  
 - fore him with hearts full of love. Praise to the Christ child, and

87 *mp* *mf*  
 praise to his mo - ther Who bore us a Sav - iour by grace from a - bove.

*mp* *p*  
 Ped.

93 *p*  
 S. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear, O hear the lul - la-by

*p*  
 A. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear, O hear the lul - la-by

*mp*  
 T. 8 *mp* 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear the soft lul-la-by the

*mp*  
 B. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma - ri - a': Hear the soft lul-la-by the

Sw. Ped.

99

*f dolce*

an - gels sing. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma -

*f dolce*

an - gels sing. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma -

*f dolce*

an - gel hosts sing. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma -

*f dolce*

an - gel hosts sing. 'A - ve Ma - ri - a, a - ve Ma -

*cresc.*

*f dolce*

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*p* *rall.* *pp*

- ri - a, Mai - den, and mo - ther of Je - sus our King'.

*p* *pp*

- ri - a, Mai - den, and mo - ther of Je - sus our King'.

*p* *pp*

- ri - a, Mai - den, and mo - ther of Je - sus our King'.

*p* *pp*

- ri - a, Mai - den, and mo - ther of Je - sus our King'.

*dim.* *p* *pp* *rall.*