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The Star Song
(A Carol to the King)

for SATB choir and piano

CHRISTOPHER BEARDSLEY**The Star-Song:
A Carol to the King; Sung at White-Hall
for SATB choir and piano**

[KING 1] Tell us, thou clear and heavenly tongue,
Where is the Babe but lately sprung?
Lies He the lily-banks among?

[KING 2] Or say, if this new birth of ours
Sleeps, laid within some ark of flowers,
Spangled with dew-light; thou canst clear
All doubts, and manifest the where.

[KING 3] Declare to us, bright star, if we shall seek
Him in the morning's blushing cheek,
Or search the beds of spices through,
To find Him out?

[STAR] No, this ye need not do;
But only come and see Him rest
A princely Babe in's mother's breast.

[CHORUS] He's seen, He's seen, why then around,
Let's kiss the sweet and holy ground;
And all rejoice, that we have found
A King, before conception crowned.

[3 KINGS] Come then, come then, and let us bring
Unto our pretty Twelfth-tide King,
Each one his several offering;

[CHORUS] And when night comes, we'll give Him wassailing:
And that His treble honours may be seen,
We'll choose Him King, and make His mother Queen.

Robert Herrick

Duration: 6 minutes

The Star-Song

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Gently (♩=c60)

Soprano *mf* Tell us, thou clear and

Alto *mf* Tell us, thou clear and hea -

Tenor *mf* Tell us, thou clear and hea -

Bass *mf* Tell us, thou clear and hea -

Piano *p simply*

8

S. hea - ven-ly tongue, Where is the Babe but late - ly

A. ven - ly tongue, Where is the Babe but late - ly

T. ven - ly tongue, Where is the Babe but late - ly

B. ven - ly tongue, Where is the Babe but late - ly

Pno.

14

S. sprung? Lies He the li - ly banks a - mong?

A. sprung? Lies He the li - ly banks a - mong?

T. sprung? Lies He the li - ly banks a - mong?

B. sprung? Lies He the li - ly banks a - mong?

Pno. *p simply*

21 **Rhythmic** (♩=c120) (← ♩ = ♩ → sempre) *mf*

S. Or say, if

A.

T. Or say, if

B.

Pno. *mf*

26

S. this new Birth of ours, _____

A. *mf* Or say, if this new Birth of ours, _____

T. this new Birth of ours, _____

B. *mf* Or say, if this new Birth of ours, _____

Pno.

31

S. Sleeps, laid with-in some ark Span-gled with dew - light; _____

A. Sleeps, laid with - in some ark of flowers, _____ Span-gled with dew - light; _____

T. Sleeps, laid with-in some ark Span-gled with dew

B. Sleeps, laid with - in some ark of flowers, _____ Span-gled with dew

Pno.

35

S. *p* thou canst clear All doubts, and man - i - fest the where.

A. *p* thou canst clear All doubts, and man - i - fest the where.

T. *p* light; thou canst clear All doubts, and man - i - fest the

B. *p* light; thou canst clear All doubts, and man - i - fest the

Pno. *p*

40

S. *mf* De - clare to us, bright star, —

A. *mf* De - clare to us, bright star, —

T. *mf* where. De-clare to us, star, de-clare to us, star,

B. *mf* where. De-clare to us, star, de-clare to us, star,

Pno. *mf*

44

S. if we shall seek Him in the mor - nings_ blush-ing cheek,_____

A. if we shall seek Him in the mor - nings_ blush-ing cheek,_____

T. if we shall seek Him, if we shall seek Him in the mor - nings_ blush-ing

B. if we shall seek Him, if we shall seek Him in the mor - nings_ blush-ing

Pno.

48

S. _____ Or search the beds of spi - ces_____

A. _____ Or search the beds of spi - ces_____

T. cheek,_____ Or_ search the beds_ of spi - ces, search the bed, spi -

B. cheek,_____ Or_ search the beds_ of spi - ces, search the bed, spi -

Pno.

52 rit.

S. *p*
 — through, To find Him out? To find Him out?

A. *p*
 — through, To find Him out? To find Him out?

T. *p*
 - ces through, To find Him out? Him out?

B. *p*
 - ces through, To find Him out? Him out?

Pno. *p* rit.

Gently (♩=c60)

Soprano solo (or tutti, if necessary)

58

S. *p*
 No, this ye need not do: But on - ly come and see Him

A.

T.

B.

Pno. *p*

62

S. *f*
rest A Prin - cely_ Babe in's mo - ther's breast. He's

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

Fast. rhythmic (♩=c120)

(Solo)

seen,

(tutti)

67

S. *f*
(if tutti) seen, He's seen, He's seen, seen, He's seen, He's seen, seen, He's seen, He's seen, He's

A. *f*
He's seen, He's seen, seen, He's seen, He's seen, seen, He's seen, He's seen, He's

T. *f*
He's seen, He's seen, seen, He's seen, He's seen, seen, He's seen, He's seen, He's

B. *f*
He's seen, He's seen, seen, He's_ seen,_ He's_ seen,_ He's_ seen,_ He's_ seen,_,

Fast. rhythmic (♩=c120)

Pno. *f*

70

S. *seen, He's seen, why then a - round,*

A. *seen. He's seen, why then a - round,*

T. *seen, He's seen, why then a - round,*

B. *seen! He's seen, why then a - round,*

Pno.

74

S. *Silent* *f joyous*
Let's kiss the sweet and ho - ly

A. *Silent*

T. *Silent* *f joyous*
Let's kiss the sweet and ho - ly

B. *Silent*

Pno. *Silent* *f*

79

S. ground: _____

A. *f joyous*
Let's kiss the sweet and ho - ly ground: _____ And all re -

T. ground: _____

B. *f joyous*
Let's kiss the sweet and ho - ly ground: _____ And all re -

Pno.

84

S. re-joyce, that we have_ found *f* A

A. joyce, that we have found *f* A

T. re-joyce, that we have_ found

B. joyce, that we have found

Pno.

88

S. King, a King, be - fore con - cep - tion crowned.

A. King, a King, be - fore con - cep - tion crowned.

T. *f* A King, a King, be - fore con - cep - tion crowned.

B. *f* A King, a King, be - fore con - cep - tion crowned.

Pno.

93

S. *f* Come then, come then, and let us

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

97

S. bring

A. *f* Come then, come, Come then, and let us bring

T. *f* Come then, come, Come then, and let us bring

B. *f* Come then, come then, and let us bring

Pno.

101

S. *f* Un - to our pret - ty Twelfth - tide. King,

A. *f* Un - to our pret - ty Twelfth - tide. King,

T. *f* Un - to our pret - ty Twelfth-tide King, — our pret - ty Twelfth-tide

B. *f* Un - to our pret - ty Twelfth-tide King, — our pret - ty Twelfth-tide

Pno.

105

S. Each one his sev' - ral off - er - ing: _____

A. Each one his sev' - ral off - er - ing: _____

T. King, sev' - ral off - er - ing: _____

B. King, sev' - ral off - er - ing: _____

Pno.

110 **Maestoso** (♩=c60) *f*

S. And when night comes, we'll give Him was - sai - ling: _____

A. And when night comes, we'll give Him was - sai - ling: _____

T. And when night comes, we'll give Him was - sai - ling: _____

B. And when night comes, we'll give Him was - sai - ling: _____

Maestoso (♩=c60) *f*

Pno.

115

S. And that His tre - ble hon - ours may be seen, We'll

A. And that His tre - ble hon - ours seen,

T. And that His tre - ble hon - ours seen,

B. And that His tre - ble hon - ours seen,

Pno.

120

S. choose Him King, we'll choose Him King,

A. choose Him King, we'll choose Him King,

T. choose Him King, we'll choose Him King,

B. choose Him King, we'll choose Him King,

Pno. *p simply*

125 *f*

S. We'll choose, we'll choose Him King, we'll choose, we'll choose Him

A. We'll choose, we'll choose Him King, we'll choose Him King, we'll choose Him

T. We'll choose Him King, we'll choose Him, we'll choose Him

B. We'll choose Him King, we'll choose Him King, we'll choose, we'll choose Him

Joyous (♩=c120)

f

Pno.

129 *ff* **poco accel.** **A little faster**

S. King, We'll choose Him King, and make His

A. King, We'll choose Him King, and make His

T. King, We'll choose Him King, and make His mo - ther,

B. King, we'll choose Him King, and make His mo - ther,

poco accel. **A little faster**

ff *f*

Pno.

133

S. mo - ther Queen, — and make His mo - ther, and make His mo - ther,

A. mo - ther Queen, — and make His mo - - ther,

T. and make His mo - ther, and make His mo - ther, and make His

B. and make His mo - ther, and make His, and make His mo - ther,

Pno.

136

S. mo - - - - - ther, and make His *ff*

A. mo - - - - - ther, — and make His, *ff*

T. mo - - - - - ther, and make His *ff*

B. mo - - - - - ther, — and make His, *ff*

Pno. *ff*

139

S. mo - - ther Queen, His mo - ther

A. and make His mo - ther, and make His mo - ther,

T. mo - - ther Queen, His mo - ther

B. and make His mo - ther, and make His mo - ther,

Pno.

141 **molto rit.**

S. Queen, His mo - ther Queen.

A. and make His mo - ther Queen.

T. Queen, His mo - ther Queen.

B. and make His mo - ther Queen.

molto rit.

Pno.