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[A CHRISTMAS CAROL]



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[A Christmas Carol]

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Op. 39, No 2b

Andante tranquillo

SOPRANO I

SOPRANO II

ALTO

Andante tranquillo

Ped. Ped. \*

Be - fore the pal-ing of the stars, Be -

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fore the win - ter morn, Be - fore the earl - i - est  
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The first system contains two vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal lines are in a soprano and alto register. The piano accompaniment is in the right and left hands, with some chords marked with a 'b' for a flat.

cock - crow Je - sus Christ was born: Born in a sta - ble,  
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The second system continues the vocal and piano parts. It includes dynamic markings such as *p* (piano) and *pp* (pianissimo). The piano accompaniment features some chords with a 'b' flat.

Cra-dled in a man - ger, In the world His hands had made  
Cra-dled in a man - ger, In the world His hands had made  
In the world His hands had made

The third system concludes the page with the final vocal and piano parts. The piano accompaniment includes a final chord with a 'b' flat.

*p* *rit.* *p*  
Born a stran-ger. Je-sus on His  
Born a stran-ger.  
*p* *rit.*  
*p* *rit.* *mp* *espressivo poco cresc.* *p*

*p*  
Moth-er's breast In the sta-ble cold,  
Je-sus on His Moth-er's breast In the sta-ble cold,  
With His Moth-er In the sta-ble cold,  
*p*

*p* *p*  
Spot-less Lamb of God was He, Shep-herd of the fold:  
Spot-less Lamb of God was He, Shep-herd of the fold:  
*p* *p*

*pp*

Let us kneel with Ma - ry Maid, With Jo - seph bent and hoar - y,

*pp*

Let us kneel with Ma - ry Maid, With Jo - seph bent and hoar - y,

*pp*

*f* *rit.*

With Saint and An - gel, ox and ass, To hail the King of

*f* *rit.*

With Saint and An - gel, ox and ass, To hail the King of

*f* *rit.*

With the An - gel, ox and ass,

*f* *ritard.*

*ff*

Glo - ry.

*ff*

Glo - ry.

*ff*

Glo - ry.

*ff*

*ff*

*ff*

*ff*

*ff*

Ped.