

# BEFORE THE PALING OF THE STARS

## CHRISTMAS CAROL

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Rather slowly ♩ = 92

SOPRANO.

1. Be - fore the pa - ling of the stars, Be - fore the win - ter

ALTO.

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TENOR.

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BASS.

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(For practice only)

morn, Be - fore the ear - liest cock - crow, Je - sus Christ was born:

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Godfrey Sampson - 'Before the paling of the stars' - (Carol.)

*pp* Born in a sta - ble, *cresc.* Cra - dled in a man - ger, In the world His  
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hands had made, *pp* Born a stran - ger. 2. Priest and King lay  
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fast a - sleep In Je - ru - sa - lem, Young and old lay -  
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fast a-sleep In crowded Beth - le - hem: Saint and An - gel, ox and ass, *mf*

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Kept a watch to - ge - ther Be - fore the Christmas day - break, *p*

Kept a watch to - ge - ther Be - fore the Christ - mas day - break, In the *p*

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*p* A little slower *pp*

In the win - ter wea - ther. 3. Je - sus on His Mo - ther's breast. In the sta - ble cold, *pp*

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A little slower *pp*

In time

Spot-less lamb of God was He, Shepherd of the fold: Let us kneel with

Spot-less lamb of God was He, Shep - herd of the fold: Let us kneel with

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Spot-less lamb of God was He, Shep-herd of the fold: Let us kneel with

In time

Ma - ry maid, With Jo - seph bent and ho - ry, With Saint and An - gel,

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Ma - ry maid, With Jo - seph bent and ho - ry, With Saint and An - gel,

ox and ass, To hail the King of Glo - ry, the King of Glo - ry.

ox and ass, To hail the King of Glo - ry, the King of Glo - ry.

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ox and ass, To hail the King of Glo - ry, the King of Glo - ry.