

What News This Bitter Night

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Oboe
1 Andantino semplice
mp legato espr.

Harp
1 Andantino semplice

Solo Voice or Children's Choir
1 Andantino semplice

Soprano Alto
mp

Tenor Bass
mp What news, what news this bit - ter night When

Keyboard (optional)
1 Andantino semplice
mp

Violin 1
1 Andantino semplice
mp legato

Violin 2
mp *legato*

Viola
mp legato

Cello
mp legato

Bass
pizzicato
mf

5

mp

Detailed description: This system contains the first five measures of the piece. It features a vocal line on a single staff and piano accompaniment on two staves. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The piano part begins with a melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand. The vocal line starts with a whole note followed by a half note and a quarter note.

5

SOLO *mp*

No news ex - cept a ba - by born, Who
all is shut - tered in the gloom?

Detailed description: This system contains measures 6 through 10. It features a vocal line on a single staff and piano accompaniment on two staves. The piano part continues with a melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand. The vocal line has lyrics: "No news ex - cept a ba - by born, Who all is shut - tered in the gloom?".

5

Detailed description: This system contains measures 11 through 15. It features piano accompaniment on two staves. The piano part continues with a melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand.

5

(pizz.)

Detailed description: This system contains measures 16 through 20. It features piano accompaniment on two staves. The piano part continues with a melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand. The instruction "(pizz.)" is written below the piano part in the second measure.

9

finds with - in an ox - 's stall His nar - row room!

MEN *mf*

What

mf

(pizz.)

mf

mf

13

13

mf

13

SOLO *mf*

WOMEN *mf* Shep -

What won - der do they run to see?

men are these who hur - ry past?

13

13

mf

mp

mp

17

Musical notation for measures 17-20. The top staff is a vocal line with a whole rest. The piano accompaniment consists of two staves: the right hand has a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes and quarter notes, and the left hand has a bass line with quarter and eighth notes.

17

herds who heard the her-ald song, Who haste in sta-ble to a-dore The mys-ter-

Musical notation for measures 17-20. The vocal line contains the lyrics: "herds who heard the her-ald song, Who haste in sta-ble to a-dore The mys-ter-". The piano accompaniment is mostly whole rests.

17

Musical notation for measures 17-20. The piano accompaniment consists of two staves: the right hand has a simple harmonic accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes, and the left hand has a bass line with quarter notes.

17

mp
arco
mp

Musical notation for measures 17-20. The piano accompaniment consists of three staves: two treble clef staves and one bass clef staff. The right hand has a melodic line with quarter and eighth notes, and the left hand has a bass line with quarter notes. Dynamics include *mp* and *arco*.

21

mp legato espr.

21

y!

WOMEN *mf*

What child is this, who sleep - ing makes The

WOMEN *mf*

What child, who sleep - ing makes The

21

mf

mf

pizzicato *mf* *arco*

pizzicato *mf* *arco*

mf

25

25

SOLO

f None but the King of heav-en high, Born

man-ger throne his rest-ing place?

MEN *f*

man-ger throne his rest-ing place? None but the King of heav-en

25

25

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

29

dim.

29

dim. mp

in - to dy - ing to re - deem Our fall - - - - en race!

29

dim. mp

high, Born in - to dy - ing to re - deem Our fall - en race!

29

dim. mp

dim. mp

dim. mp

dim. mp

dim. mp

33 *mp*

33 *p*

S A What shall I bring to hon - or Him, What hom age pay, what

T B What shall I bring to hon or Him, What hom age pay, what

33

33 *p* legato

37 *mf cresc.* *f*

37 SOLO *f*

poor gift give? Naught but your heart, which dead in sin, Finds in this Child for - giv - ing

WOMEN *f*

poor gift give? Naught but your heart, which, dead in sin, Finds in this

37

37 *f*



41

cresc.

41

love And strength to live!

Child for - giv - ing love And strength to live!

S A Naught
piu f
T B

41

41

f

piu f

piu f

piu f
(arco)

piu f
pizzicato

f

piu f

45 *piu f*

45 *piu f*

45 *SOLO piu f*

Naught but your heart, which, dead to sin, Finds in this Child for-giv-ing

but your heart, which, dead in sin, Finds in this Child for-giv-ing

45

45

45

arco

48 *poco dim.*
48 *dim. e rit.* *mp*

48 *dim. e rit.* *p*
love And strength to live!
love. And strength to live!

48 *dim. e rit.* *p*

48 *dim. e rit.* *p*
dim. e rit. *p*
dim. e rit. *p*
dim. e rit. *p*
dim. e rit. *p*