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and its music by the Chancel Choir of Fairlawn-West United Church of Christ, Akron, Ohio

Who Would Think That What Was Needed

John Bell and Graham Maule, 1900 alt.

Tune: SCARLET RIBBONS
arr. Walter L. Pelz

Tranquil but flowing $\text{♩} = 96$

Musical score for the first system, measures 1-6. The Flute part is marked *mp Cantabile* and features a melodic line with a slur over measures 1-3 and another slur over measures 4-6. The Organ part is marked *mp* and provides harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands. The vocal parts (SA and TB) are currently silent.

Musical score for the second system, measures 7-10. The vocal part (SA) is marked *mp unis.* and begins with the lyrics "Who would think that what was". The organ part continues with accompaniment. The Flute part is silent in this system.

13

need - ed to trans - form and save the earth might not be a

20

plan or ar - my proud in pur - pose, proved in worth? Who would

27

think, de - spite de - ri - sion, that a child should lead the way?

rit.

34

God sur - pris - es earth with heav - en, com - ing here on Christ - mas

a tempo

41

Day. Shep - herds watch and

p unis.

rit.

p a tempo

48

sag - es won-der, mon - archs scorn and an - gels sing;

55

pp *Oo*

p

such a place as none would reck-on hosts a ho - ly

62

Espressivo

help - less thing: Sta - bled beasts and

69

pass - ing strang-ers watch a ba - by laid in hay. God sur -

rit. *unis. a tempo*

rit. *unis. a tempo*

76

pris - es earth with heav-en, com - ing here on Christ - mas Day.

83

f

Cen - tu - ries of skill and

90

sci - ence span the past from which we move, yet ex - per - ience

unis.

97

ques - tions wheth - er with such prog - ress we im - prove. In our

div.

104

search for sense and meaning, lest our hopes and hu - mor fray,

rit.

111

p

mp a tempo

God sur - pris - es earth with heav - en,

mp a tempo

rit.

118

pp

molto rit.

com - ing here on Christ - mas Day.

pp

molto rit.

pp