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A boy is born

for SSAATTBB voices

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Duration: 5 minutes

Performance Note

The soundworld should be delicately restrained as if in a dream-like state. Tempo, dynamics and articulation indicated should be considered as a guide, no more.

In general breath should be staggered (if necessary), with no apparent break in the line unless specified by a rest, in long held notes e.g., 'born' (measures 3-6) tenor and bass voices, and passages where there is repetition of the same words e.g., 'Rejoice' (measures 10-14), 'he sleeps' (measures 28-32), and 'he weeps' (measures 33-40).

First soprano passage 'so gently sighing' (measures 30-33) should temperately intensify and then merge with the other voices immediately after.

Above all trust the silences.

Programme Note

Music and words by the composer celebrate the nativity.

A boy is born

by Margaret Haley

A boy is born this night.

Rejoice!

Rejoice! Our savour bathed in light.

Rejoice!

He sleeps, so gently sighing,

He weeps, no crying.

Rejoice!

Our savour bathed in light.

Rejoice!

He lay on a bed of hay,

Kneel before him, pray.

Rejoice!

A boy is born this night.

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for the Aire Valley Singers

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for SSAATTBB voices

music & words by MARGARET HALEY

Teneramente (♩ = 66)

SOPRANO 1 *pp* *p* *pp*
A boy is born, a boy is born, is

SOPRANO 2 *pp* *p* *pp*
A boy is born, a boy is born, is

ALTO 1 *pp* *p* *pp*
A boy is born, a boy is born, is born

ALTO 2 *pp* *p* *pp*
A boy is born, a boy is born, is born

TENOR 1 *pp* *pp*
A boy is born, is born

TENOR 2 *pp* *pp*
A boy is born, is born

BASS 1 *pp* *pp*
A boy is born, is born

BASS 2 *pp* *pp*
A boy is born, is born

Teneramente (♩ = 66)

PIANO REDUCTION
(for rehearsal only)

7

S.1 *mp* *pp* *p*
born this night. Re - - - - - joyce!

S.2 *mp* *pp* *p*
born this night. Re - - - - - joyce!

A.1 *mp* *pp* *p*
this night. Re - joyce! Re - joyce! Re - joyce!

A.2 *mp* *pp* *p*
this night. Re - - - - - joyce! Re - joyce!

T.1 *mp* *pp* *p*
this night. Re - - - - - joyce!

T.2 *mp* *pp* *p*
this night. Re - - - - - joyce!

B.1 *mp* *pp* *p*
this night. Re - - - - - joyce!

B.2 *mp* *pp* *p*
this night. Re - - - - - joyce!

14

S.1 *pp* Re - joice! *p* Our sa - vour bathed in

S.2 *pp* Re - joice! *p* Our sa - vour bathed in

A.1 *pp* Re - joice! *p* Our sa - vour bathed in

A.2 *pp* Re - joice! *p* Our sa - vour bathed in

T.1 *pp* Re - joice! *p* Our sa - vour bathed in

T.2 *pp* Re - joice! *p* Our sa - vour bathed in

B.1 *pp* Re - joice! *p* Our sa - vour bathed in

B.2 *pp* Re - joice! *p* Our sa - vour bathed in

21 *mp* *p* *mp*

S.1 light, Re - joice!

S.2 *mp* *p* *mp*

S.2 light, Re - joice!

A.1 *mp* *pp* *p* *mp*

A.1 light, Re - joice!

A.2 *mp* *pp* *p* *mp*

A.2 light, Re - joice!

T.1 *mp* *pp* *p* *mp*

T.1 light, Re - - joice!

T.2 *mp* *pp* *p* *mp*

T.2 light, Re - - joice!

B.1 *mp* *pp* *p* *mp*

B.1 light, Re - joice!

B.2 *mp* *pp* *p* *mp*

B.2 light, Re - joice!

28

p *pp* *p*

S.1 so gen - tly sigh - ing, He

S.2 He sleeps, he sleeps, He

A.1 He sleeps, he sleeps, He weeps,

A.2 He sleeps, he sleeps, He weeps,

T.1 He sleeps, he sleeps, He

T.2 He sleeps, he sleeps, He

B.1 He sleeps, he sleeps, He weeps,

B.2 He sleeps, he sleeps, He weeps,

35

S.1 *pp*
weeps, he weeps, Re -

S.2 *pp*
weeps, he weeps, Re -

A.1 *mp* *p* *pp*
no cry - ing. Re -

A.2 *mp* *p* *pp*
no cry - ing. Re -

T.1
weeps, he weeps, he weeps.

T.2
weeps, he weeps.

B.1 *mp* *p* *pp*
no cry - ing, no cry - ing. Re -

B.2 *mp* *p* *pp*
no cry - ing, no cry - ing. Re -

42

S.1 *mp* *p*
- joice! Our sa - vour bathed in

S.2 *mp* *p*
- joice! Our sa - vour bathed in

A.1 *mp* *p*
- joice! Our sa - vour bathed in

A.2 *mp* *p*
- joice! Our sa - vour bathed in

T.1 *pp* *mp* *p*
Re - joice! Our sa - vour bathed in

T.2 *pp* *mp* *p*
Re - joice! Our sa - vour bathed in

B.1 *mp* *p*
- joice! Our sa - vour bathed in

B.2 *mp* *p*
- joice! Our sa - vour bathed in

49

S.1 *mp* *p*
light. Re - joice! He

S.2 *mp* *p*
light. Re - joice! He

A.1 *mp* *p*
light. Re - joice! He

A.2 *mp* *p*
light. Re - joice! He

T.1 *mp*
light. Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice!

T.2 *mp*
light. Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice!

B.1 *mp* *mp*
light. Re - joice! Re - joice!

B.2 *mp* *mp*
light. Re - joice! Re - joice!

56

S.1 *pp* lay, he lay, *p* kneel be-fore him

S.2 *pp* lay, he lay, *p* kneel be-fore him

A.1 *pp* lay, he lay, *p* kneel

A.2 *pp* lay, he lay, *p* kneel

T.1 *p* He lay on a bed of hay,

T.2 *p* He lay on a bed of hay,

B.1 *p* He lay, he lay on a bed of hay,

B.2 *p* He lay, he lay on a bed of hay,

63

S.1 *pp* *p* *mp*
pray, Re - joice!

S.2 *pp* *p* *mp*
pray, Re - joice!

A.1 *pp* *p* *mp*
be - fore him, pray. Re - joice!

A.2 *pp* *p* *mp*
be - fore him, pray. Re - joice!

T.1 *p* *pp* *p* *mp*
kneel be - fore him, pray. Re - joice!

T.2 *p* *pp* *p* *mp*
kneel be - fore him, pray. Re - joice!

B.1 *p* *pp* *p* *mp*
kneel be - fore him, pray. Re - joice!

B.2 *p* *pp* *p* *mp*
kneel be - fore him, pray. Re - joice!

70

p

S.1 A boy is born, a boy is

p

S.2 A boy is born, a boy is

mp

A.1 A boy is born, a boy is

mp

A.2 A boy is born, a boy is

p

T.1 A boy is born, is born,

p

T.2 A boy is born, is born,

mp

B.1 A boy is born,

mp

B.2 A boy is born,

77

pp

S.1 born, is born this night.

pp

S.2 born, is born this night.

pp

A.1 born, is born this night.

pp

A.2 born, is born this night.

pp

T.1 a boy this night.

pp

T.2 a boy is born this night.

pp

B.1 a boy is born this night.

pp

B.2 a boy is born this night.

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