

The Word is Born

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Freely, like plainchant ca. ♩ = 50

Soprano *mp* **PERUSAL** *mf* div.
The Word is born this ve - ry night: _____ Hail,

Alto *mp* **PERUSAL** *mf*
The Word is born this ve - ry night: _____ Hail,

Tenor

Bass

Piano *mp* for rehearsal only *mf*

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S
Ma - ry, full of grace! A hang - ing lan - tern

A
Ma - ry, full of grace! A lan - tern

T

B

Pno.

PERUSAL

mp unis.

mp

mp

8

S
sheds its light On Jo - seph's an - xious face.

A
sheds its light On Jo - seph's an - xious face.

T
The Word must come in

B
The Word must come in

Pno.

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mp

mp

mp

12

S

A

T

B

Pno.

8

hu - man form, In God's re - demp - tive

mf

div.

mf

mf

16

S

A

T

B

Pno.

8

plan. A Babe takes ev - ry heart by storm, But who will heed the

plan. A Babe takes heart by storm, But who will heed the

unis.

16

4 With movement

20 *f* ca. ♩ = 108

S
The Word is born this ve - ry night, And

A
The Word is born this ve - ry night, And

T
8 Man? — The Word is born this ve - ry night, And

B
Man? — The Word is born this ve - ry night, And

Pno.

25

S
hum - ble is the place; — The world is dark, but

A
hum - ble is the place; — The world is dark, but

T
8 hum - ble is the place; — The world is dark, but

B
hum - ble is the place; — The world is dark, but

Pno.

30 *rit.* *mp* 5

S hope is bright, And sin - ners look for grace. — The

A hope is bright, And sin - ners look for grace. — The

T 8 hope is bright, And sin - ners look for grace. —

B hope is bright, And sin - ners look for grace. —

Pno. *rit.* *mp*

34 *cresc.* *mf*

S Word has come to end the war, the Word has come to

A Word has come to end the war, the Word has come to

T 8 *mp* *cresc.* The Word has come to end the war, the

B *mp* *cresc.* The Word has come to end the war, the

Pno. *cresc.* *mf* *cresc.*

37 *f* *ff* *f*

S end the war, the Word has come to end the war, Which Ad - am

A end the war, the Word has come to end the war, Which Ad - am

T *mf* *f* *ff* *f*
8 Word has come to end the war, to end the war, Which Ad - am

B *mf* *f* *ff* *f*
Word has come to end the war, to end the war, Which Ad - am

Pno. 37 *f* *ff* *f*

41 *mf* *decesc.* *mp*

S first _____ be - gan. _____ O bless the Babe who sleeps on straw. And

A first _____ be - gan. _____ O bless the Babe on straw. And

T *mf* *decesc.* *mp*
8 first _____ be - gan. _____ O bless the Babe who sleeps on straw. And

B *mf* *decesc.* *mp*
first _____ be - gan. _____ O bless the Babe on straw. And

Pno. 41 *mf* *decesc.* *mp*

45

S
lis - ten to the Man! Lis - ten to the

A
lis - ten to the Man! Lis - ten to the

T
lis - - ten, lis - ten to the Man! the

B
lis - - ten, lis - ten to the

Pno.

p

PERUSAL

48

S
Man! Lis - ten to the Man! ^{hushed}

A
Man! Lis - ten to the Man!

T
Man! Lis - ten to the Man!

B
Man!

Pno.

pp

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