

for Gavin Moralee and the Choir of St. Barnabas, Dulwich, Christmas 1992

I Sing The Birth

(For soloist, chorus and organ, piano or orchestra)*

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Gently [$\text{♩} = 44\text{mm}$]

Soloist: 

Organ†: 

birth was born to - night, The au - thor both of life and

The first system of the musical score consists of a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a soprano or alto register, with a melody that is mostly quarter and eighth notes. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C).

light, The an - gels so — did sound it; And like the

The second system continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal line has a slight melisma on the word "so". The piano accompaniment includes a key signature change to two sharps (D major) in the fifth measure.

rav - ished shep - herds said, Who saw the light and were a -

The third system shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment returns to the original key signature of one flat (B-flat).

- fraid, Yet searched, and true — they found it.

L.H.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line ends with a final note. The piano accompaniment features a key signature change to two sharps (D major) in the final measure. The label "L.H." is placed below the piano part in the final measure.

Chorus:

A

S. *mf* 2. The Son of God, e - ter - nal King, That did us all sal -
mp 4. What com - fort by Him do we win, Who made Him - self the

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T. *mf* 2. The Son of God, e - ter - nal King, That did us all sal -
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B. *mf* 2. The Son of God, e - ter - nal King, That did us all sal -
mp 4. What com - fort by Him do we win, Who made Him - self the

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(Verse 2. unaccompanied)

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