

What Can I Give?

Words and music by Deborah Govenor

What can I give to the child in the manger?
What can I give to the babe in the stall?
Rock him so gently, and guard him from danger;
Jesus, my dear one, my all.

What can we give to the child who lies sleeping,
Lulled into rest by his mother's sweet call?
Mary and Joseph, their watch o'er him keeping,
Jesus, their dear one, their all.

What can we offer a king poor and lowly?
What can we bring to a Deity small?
Gold, myrrh, and frankincense, gifts pure and holy;
Jesus, our dear one, our all.

Mary and Joseph, the wise men and shepherds
Worshipped you, Lord, as an infant so small.
We, too, would worship you, King and Creator,
Jesus, our Savior, our all.

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Christmas Anthem for Mixed Voices (SATB) and Keyboard

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Gently ♩ = c. 104

mp

p.

The piano introduction is in 3/4 time, marked 'Gently' with a tempo of approximately 104 beats per minute. It features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass line has a steady quarter-note accompaniment. The dynamics range from mezzo-piano (mp) to piano (p).

5 Solo (or SA) mp

What can I give to the child in the

This system contains the first line of the vocal melody and its piano accompaniment. The vocal line is marked 'Solo (or SA)' and 'mp'. The lyrics are 'What can I give to the child in the'. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern to the introduction.

9 man - ger? What can I give to the babe in the

This system contains the second line of the vocal melody and its piano accompaniment. The lyrics are 'man - ger? What can I give to the babe in the'. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern.

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stall? Rock him so gent - ly, and guard him from

17

dan - ger, Je - sus, my dear one, my all.

rit. *a tempo*

21

SA *rit.* *unis. mp a tempo*

TB *mp*

What can we give to the

21

p. *rit.* *a tempo*

26

child who lies sleep-ing; Lulled in - to rest by his moth - er's sweet

bring to the sleep-ing child, lulled to rest by his moth-er's sweet

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31

call? Mar - y and Jo - seph, their watch o'er him keep - ing,

31

36 *rit.* *a tempo*

Je - sus, their dear one, their all.

36 *rit.* *a tempo*

41

mf

What can we of - fer a king, poor and low - ly?

41

mf

46

mf Gold, myrrh, and
Gold,

What can we bring to a De - i - ty small?

46

51

unis.

myrrh, frank - in - cense, Je - sus, our dear one, our
unis.

frank - in - cense, gifts pure and ho - ly;

51

56 *rit.* *f a tempo*

all. Mar - y and

56 *rit. e cresc.* *f a tempo*

Mar - y,

61

Jo - seph, the wise men and shep - herds Wor - shipped you, Lord, as an

Jo - seph, wise men, shep - herds,

61

66 in - fant so small.

in - fant small. — We, too, would wor - ship you, King and Cre -

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