

How Lovely Was the Bethlehem Star

Anthem for Mixed Voices (SATB) and Keyboard

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Andante ♩ = c. 50

SA unis. mp

How

love - ly was the Beth - le-hem star — that shone from heav - en a -

bove: — How bless - ed was the in - fant child that

The musical score is written for SATB voices and keyboard. It begins with a tempo marking of 'Andante' and a metronome indication of a half note equal to approximately 50 beats per minute. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into three systems. The first system shows the vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and the keyboard accompaniment. The vocal parts enter with the word 'How'. The second system starts at measure 5 and continues the vocal melody with the lyrics 'love - ly was the Beth - le-hem star — that shone from heav - en a -'. The third system starts at measure 8 and continues the vocal melody with the lyrics 'bove: — How bless - ed was the in - fant child that'. The keyboard accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation throughout the piece.

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11 SA
came to us in love.

TB *unis. mf*
How peace - ful was the

11
mf

14 *mp*
The

vil - lage then, the sta - ble was so bare;

14
mp

17
low - ly shep - herds came in fear to see the babe so

17