

A Christmas Praise

SSA*

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With great expression ♩ = ca. 84

Piano introduction in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The music features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, both marked *mp* (mezzo-piano). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass line features a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

First line of the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The vocal parts (Soprano and Alto) enter with the lyrics "To us a child is born, to us a". The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note bass line and a more active right hand. The tempo and dynamics are marked *mp*.

Second line of the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The vocal parts continue with the lyrics "son is giv'n, to us a child is". The piano accompaniment features a *cresc. poco a poco* (crescendo, little by little) marking, with the right hand playing a more complex pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes.

* Optional score and parts for violin 1 & 2, viola, cello, and bass are available separately. Order number 30/1504M.
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born, ——— who made both earth and heav'n.

13

mf

He is the might - y king, mak - er of

16

To him a - lone ———

ev - 'ry-thing. To him a - lone our praise we

19

28

bring.

mp

23

*rit.**mp**a tempo*

To us a child is born, to us a

mp

To us a child is born,

rit.

a tempo

26

cresc.

son is giv'n, to us a child is

cresc.

to us a son is giv'n, to us a

cresc.

29

born, who made both earth and heav'n.

child is born, who made both earth, both earth and heav'n.

32

mf

His name is Won - der - ful, his name is

35

the might - y God,

Coun - sel - or, the might - y God, the Prince of

38

(29)

*SOLO (or Sopranos)

mf

With freedom

Peace. To us a child is born, to us a

mp With freedom

42

son is giv'n, to us a child is born, — who made both

46

(end solo)

Tempo I

mf

earth and heav'n. He reigns in maj - es - ty,

mf Tempo I

50 His gov - ern - ment ———

he rules in right - eous-ness. His gov - ern -

53 rit. Broadly *f*

ment will nev - er cease. He is the

57

might - y king, mak - er of ev - 'ry-thing.