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from the cantata "Christmas Seekers" (65/1944L)

Song of Mary and Joseph

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Soprano, Baritone, and SATB Choir* with Optional Orchestra**

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① **Expressively** = 112

mp

4 **Soprano Solo** *mp*

Ho - ly Spir - it filled her soul, and

all who seek shall— call her blessed. E - vents fore - told have

now oc-curred, a child has come to bring his word.

②

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Baritone Solo *mp*

An-gels in a won - drous dream said "Mar - y's child is—

This system contains measures 13, 14, and 15. It features a baritone solo line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "An-gels in a won - drous dream said 'Mar - y's child is—".

Christ the King. Call him Je - sus, heav'n - ly Son,

This system contains measures 16, 17, and 18. The lyrics are: "Christ the King. Call him Je - sus, heav'n - ly Son,".

Lord and Sav - ior, Ho - ly One."

This system contains measures 19, 20, and 21. The lyrics are: "Lord and Sav - ior, Ho - ly One.".

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This system contains measures 22, 23, and 24. It features a baritone solo line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord and Sav - ior, Ho - ly One.".

Soprano Solo

25

mp

Mar - y feared not the days a - head, she knew the Lord was

28

mf

in her soul. She re-joyced in Ga - briel's word, and

31

4

f

she was blessed by all she heard. Her

34

soul did mag - ni - fy the Lord. Her

soul did mag - ni - fy the Lord.

This system contains measures 38, 39, and 40. The vocal line begins with a long note on 'soul' that carries through measure 39. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

41 *mf*

- He will be God's on - ly Son,

mf

This system contains measures 41, 42, and 43. Measure 41 starts with a rest for the vocal line. The piano accompaniment has a consistent eighth-note bass line. A crescendo hairpin is shown over the piano part, leading to a *mf* dynamic marking in measure 43.

44 *mp*

Lord and Sav - ior, heav'n - ly One. Her soul shall

mp

This system contains measures 44, 45, and 46. The vocal line has a long note on 'and' that carries through measure 45. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note bass line. A crescendo hairpin is shown over the piano part, leading to a *mp* dynamic marking in measure 46.

47

mag - ni - fy the Lord.

5

This system contains measures 47, 48, and 49. Measure 47 starts with a rest for the vocal line. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note bass line. A circled number '5' is placed above the vocal staff in measure 48. The system concludes with a final chord in the piano part.

Baritone Solo

50 *mp*

Jo - seph feared not what lie a - head, for Mar - y was God's

53

mf

cho - sen one. Just as an - gels did fore - tell this

56

⑥

Soprano Solo *f*

child be - come Em - man - u - el! This -

6
59

child shall mag - ni - fy the Lord. _____ This

f

This system contains the vocal and piano accompaniment for measures 59 through 62. The vocal line is in a soprano clef with lyrics: "child shall mag - ni - fy the Lord. _____ This". The piano accompaniment is in a grand staff with a forte (*f*) dynamic marking. The music is in a key signature of two flats and a 4/4 time signature.

63

child shall mag - ni - fy the Lord. _____

This system contains the vocal and piano accompaniment for measures 63 through 66. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "child shall mag - ni - fy the Lord. _____". The piano accompaniment continues with a similar melodic and harmonic structure.

67 *mf*

He will be God's on - ly Son, Lord and Sav - ior,

mf

This system contains the vocal and piano accompaniment for measures 67 through 70. The vocal line begins with the lyrics: "He will be God's on - ly Son, Lord and Sav - ior,". The piano accompaniment starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic marking and features a more active melodic line in the right hand.

70

7

heav'n - ly One. This child shall mag - ni - fy the Lord.

74

rit.

SA

f Broader

This child shall mag - ni - fy the

TB

Broader

rit.

f

77

Lord.

This child shall mag - ni - fy the