

Of the Father's Love Begotten

SATB

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Marcus Aurelius C. Prudentius, 4th c.;
 tr. **John M. Neale**, 1854

Arranged by **Molly Ijames**
 Tune: **DIVINUM MYSTERIUM**,
 Plainsong, 13th c.

Expressively ♩ = 69-76

The musical score is arranged for SATB voices and piano accompaniment. It begins with a piano introduction in 3/4 time, marked 'Expressively' with a tempo of 69-76. The piano part features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, both starting with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a crescendo. The score is divided into systems. The first system (measures 1-3) shows the piano introduction. The second system (measures 4-7) continues the piano introduction with a triplet in the bass line and a 'poco rit.' marking. The third system (measures 8-11) introduces the vocal melody for the Soprano (SA) part, marked 'a tempo' and 'mp'. The lyrics 'Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten,' are written below the vocal line. The fourth system (measures 12-15) continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment, with lyrics 'ere the worlds be - gan__ to be, He is Al - pha and O -'. The piano part includes a triplet in the right hand and a steady bass line.

4

p cresc.

p poco rit.

8 SA *a tempo* *mp*

Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten,

mp a tempo

12

ere the worlds be - gan__ to be, He is Al - pha and O -

*Pianist should bring out each line of melody as it enters.

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15

me - ga, He the Source, the end - ing He,

19 SA +opt. Alto *mf*

TB *mp*

and that

of the things that are, that have been, and that

22

poco rit. SA *mp*

fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er -

fu - ture years shall see,

poco rit. *mp*

25 *a tempo*

more!

a tempo

29 *mf*

mf

O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed,

O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin, full³ of

mf

32

vir - gin, full of grace, con - ceived and

grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,

35

bore the Sav - ior of ³ our race; and the Babe, the world's Re -

bore the Sav - ior of our race;

cresc. poco a poco

38

deem - er _____ first re - vealed His sa - cred

cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

41

face, _____ ev - er - more, _____ ev - er - more, _____

f

ev - er - more, ev - er - more, _____

f