

A Song in the Air

SATB with opt. Rhythm

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1/6 With a gospel swing ♩ = ca. 63

Piano introduction in G major, 1/6 time. The music features a rhythmic accompaniment with chords G, Em, Am, F9, and Eb. The dynamic is marked *f*.

5 SA
TB

Measures 5-8. The vocal parts (SA and TB) are mostly rests. The piano accompaniment continues with chords G, Em7, Am7, D7sus4, and C/D. The dynamic is marked *f*.

Piano accompaniment for measures 5-8. Chords: G/D, Em7, Am7, D7sus4, C/D. The dynamic is marked *f*.

9 *f*

Measures 9-12. The vocal parts enter with the lyrics: "There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!". The piano accompaniment continues with chords G, C/G, G, Bm7, and Em7. The dynamic is marked *f*.

Measures 9-12. The vocal parts continue with the lyrics: "air! There's a star in the sky! There's a moth-er's deep". The piano accompaniment continues with chords G, C/G, G, Bm7, and Em7. The dynamic is marked *f*.

1 indicates CD track number.

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13

There's a moth-er's deep prayer_____ and a ba-by's low

prayer_____ and a ba-by's low cry!

C^{Maj7} Am⁷ F⁹

16

cry! And the star rains its fire

And the star rains its fire while the beau-ti-ful

F⁹ E^b G D B⁷(^{#5}) B⁷(^{#5}^{#9})

19

while the beau-ti-ful sing, Beth-le-

sing,_____ for the man-ger of Beth-le-hem_____

Em A⁹ B^{b9}

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a Christmas carol, likely 'The Star in the Night'. It consists of three systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'There's a mother's deep prayer_____ and a baby's low prayer_____ and a baby's low cry! And the star rains its fire And the star rains its fire while the beautiful And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing, Beth-le- sing,_____ for the manger of Beth-le-hem_____'. Chord symbols are provided above the piano accompaniment: C^{Maj7}, Am⁷, F⁹, F⁹, E^b, G, D, B⁷(^{#5}), B⁷(^{#5}^{#9}), Em, A⁹, and B^{b9}. The score is numbered 4 at the top left and 13, 16, and 19 at the beginning of each system.

22

hem cra - dles a King!

cra - dles a King!

C
D

C6
D

G

Em

25

(2/7)

mf

There's a tu - mult of joy

mf

A tu - mult of

F9

D7sus4

G

mf

$\frac{A}{m}$
G

28

o'er the won - der - ful birth, for the vir - gin's sweet

joy, a won - der - ful birth, the

G

Bm7

Em7

31

boy _____ is the Lord of the earth.

vir - gin's sweet boy, the Lord of the

Am G/A Am7 F9 F9(b5)

34

And the star rains its fire while the beau - ti - ful

earth. The star rains its fire while the beau - ti - ful

Cm6/Eb G/D Am/D G B7(#5#9)

37

sing, for the man-ger of Beth - le - hem _____

sing, _____ Beth - le - hem _____

Em7 A9 Bb9

40 cra - dles a King! His name is

Am7 Am7 G Am G N.C.

43 *f* Won - der - ful, Won - der - ful Coun - se - lor,

G A Am7 Am7 D Am G GMaj7

46 The might - y God, The Ev - er - last - ing

Em7 D/E Em7 Am7 Am D

49

Fa - ther. He is Em - ma - nu - el,

C G Em7 G/A Am7

52

God here with us to dwell, and His star's in the *mf*

Am7/D Am/B Bm7 Em7 GMaj7/D

His

55 *mf*

sky, and His song's in the air.

star's in the sky, and His song's in the air.

C GMaj7/B Am7 Am7/D G

mf