

Fair Bethlehem

SATB

Prudentius (348 - 413?)
from *O sola magnarum urbium*

Carl Smith

Andante ma flessibile *mf* Beth - le-hem,

A sa - cred town is Beth - le - hem, Its walls are won-drous_

fair; For Je - sus, our sal - va - tion, came and

made his birth - place there. The star that leads the

, The

This unaccompanied motet may also be sung down a step if desired. In that case, or perhaps even in the original key, an adjustment to the bass line may be necessary if it lies too low in one passage. Beginning with the second bass note in m. 8, the bass line can be sung up an octave until the cadence in m. 12. When the same passage recurs in m.24–28, it can be handled similarly.

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25 *meno f*

to the King the gold - en hoard, As tri - bute they pre - fer; The

to

meno f

29

in - cense to the death - less Lord, To mor - tal man the

32 *più f* *cresc.*

myrrh. To thee, O Christ, be glo - ry meet; Thy

più f *cresc.*

35 *poco a poco dimenuendo e rallentando al fine*

name all lands a - dore; Un - to the Sire and

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Par - a - clete like glo - ry ev - er - more.