

Angels' Carol

Words and music by
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(*1945)

Brightly (♩ = 69) SOPRANOS
(and ALTOS) *mf eagerly*

1. Have you heard the sound _____

PIANO
or
HARP *mf always rhythmic*

5 _____ of the an - gel voi - ces Ring-ing out so sweet - ly, _____

9 _____ ring-ing out so clear? TENORS *mf* Have you seen the star _____

13 _____ shi-ning out so bright - ly _____ As a sign from God _____ that _____

The original version of this carol, for two-part singing (T117), was commissioned in connection with the 1988 **BET** Choirboy of the Year award.

A version of the accompaniment scored for 2 flutes, oboe, 2 clarinets, bassoon, 2 horns, harp, and strings is available on hire.

A SOPRANOS
and TENORS

17

mf

Christ the Lord is here? Have you heard the news

21

S.
A. — that they bring from hea - ven To the hum - ble shep - herds

T.
B.

25

B *f joyfully*

— who have wait - ed long? — Glo - ri - a in ex -

f joyfully

Glo - ri - a

B *cresc.* *f*

29

- cel - sis De - o, Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o! *mf* Hear the an - gels
in ex - cel - sis, Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o! *mf* Hear them

33

sing their joy - ful song. *p* Ah
sing their joy - ful song. *unis. p legato* 2. He is come in
dim. mp dim. p legato

38

peace in the win - ter's still - ness, Ah Like a gen - tle snow - fall

43

mp cresc.

Ah

mp *mf dolce*

Ah

in the gen - tle night; B. He is come in joy

cresc.

mf

47

mf

Ah

Ah

like the sun at morn - ing Fill-ing all the world with

51

dim. *p dolce*

He is come in love as the child of

dim. *p*

ra-diance and with light.

T. } *Hum*
B. }

dim. *p*

56 *poco cresc.*

Ma - ry; In a sim-ple sta - ble we have seen his birth: *poco cresc.*

(Hum)

poco cresc.

61 **E** *mp*

Glo - ri - a in ex -

(Hum) *mp* Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

E *mp*

65 *p*

- cel - sis De - o! Hear them sing 'Peace on earth'.

p Hear the an - gels sing-ing 'Peace on earth'.

dim. *p* *cresc.* *mp cresc.*

70 **F** 3. He will bring new light to a world in

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f *mf* *rhythmic*

(*ped.*) (*) (*sim.*)

74 dark - ness,

dark - ness, Like a bright star shi - ning in the skies a -

78 He will bring new hope to the wait - ing

- bove; He will bring new hope He will bring new hope

He will bring new hope to the

82 na - tions ——— When he comes to reign in pu - ri - ty and
 to the na - tions ——— When he comes in pu - ri - ty and
 to the wait - ing na - tions When he comes in
 na - - - tions *mf* When he comes in

86 love. G Let the earth re - joice at the Sa - viour's
 love. *f* Let the earth re - joice ——— at the Sa - viour's
 love. *f* Let the earth re - joice ——— at the Sa - viour's
 love. G *cresc.* *mf*

90 com - ing; Let the hea - vens an - swer ——— with the joy - ful
 com - ing; Let the hea - vens an - swer ——— with the joy - ful
 Let the hea - vens an - swer

94 morn: _____ **H** (S.) Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o,
 with the joy-ful morn: _____ (A.) Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o,
 morn: _____
 with the morn: _____ (T.B.) Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis,
cresc. *f*

98 *mf* *dim.*
 Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o! Hear the an-gels sing-ing 'Christ is born', _____
 Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis! *mf* Hear them sing-ing 'Christ is born', _____
dim. *mf* *dim.*

103 *rall.* **Tranquil** (♩ = 92) *p dolce* *rall. al fine*
 Hear the an-gels sing-ing 'Christ is born'.
p
 T.B. Hum
rall. **Tranquil** (♩ = 92) *p* *rall. al fine*
 (Ped.) (*)