

*Before
the Paling
of the Stars*

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SATB CHORUS



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'Tis Wicked

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BEFORE THE PALING OF THE STARS

for SATB chorus & piano

Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

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mf $\text{♩} = 86$

The musical score is for a SATB chorus and piano. It begins with a piano introduction in 4/4 time, marked *mf* and $\text{♩} = 86$. The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) enter at measure 4. The lyrics are: "Be - fore the pal - ing of the stars, Be - fore the win - ter". The Tenor and Bass parts are marked *mf*. The piano accompaniment continues throughout the vocal phrase.

Piano

S

A

T

B.

mf

Be - fore the pal - ing of the stars, Be - fore the win - ter

mf

Be - fore the pal - ing of the stars, Be - fore the win - ter

Pno.

8

S *mp* Je - sus Christ was

A *mp* Je - sus Christ was

T *mp* morn, Be - fore the ear-li-est cock-crow Je - sus Christ was

B. *mp* morn, Be - fore the ear-li-est cock-crow Je - sus Christ was

Pno.

12

S *mf* born: Born in a sta - ble, cra - dled in a man-ger,

A *mf* born: Born in a sta - ble, cra - dled in a man-ger,

T born:

B. born:

Pno. *mp* *mf*

17

S *mp*
in the world His hands_____ had made: Born a

A *mp*
in the world His hands_____ had made: Born a

T *mp*
Born_____ a

B. *mp*
Born a

Pno.

21

S
stran-ger.

A
stran-ger.

T
stran-ger.

B.
stran-ger.

Pno. *mf*

25 *mf*

S Priest and king lay fast a - sleep in Je - ru - sa - lem,

A *mf*
Priest and king lay fast a - sleep in Je - ru - sa - lem,

T *mf*
Priest and king lay fast a - sleep in Je - ru - sa - lem.

B. *mf*
Priest and king lay fast a - sleep in Je - ru - sa - lem.

Pno.

29

S

A

T *mf*
Young and old lay fast a - sleep in crowd-ed Beth - le - hem:

B. *mf*
Young and old lay fast a - sleep in croed - ed Beth - le - hem:

Pno.

33 *mf*

S Saint and An - gel, ox and ass, kept a watch to - geth - er,

A *mf*
Saint and An - gel, ox and ass, kept a watch to - geth - er,

T

B.

Pno. (m.33-36 piano optional)

37

S

A

T *mf*
Be - fore the Christ - mas day-break in the win - ter weath - er.

B. *mf*
Be - fore the Christ - mas day-break in the win - ter weath - er.

Pno. *mf*

41 rit.

S

A

T

B.

Pno.

45 a tempo mp

S

A

T

B.

Pno.

Je - sus on His Moth - er's breast in the sta - ble cold,

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Je - sus on His Moth - er's breast in the sta - ble cold,

a tempo mp

49

S
Spot - less Lamb of God was He, Shep-herd of the fold:

A
Spot - less Lamb of God was He, Shep-herd of the fold:

T
Spot - less Lamb of God was He, Shep-herd of the fold:

B.
Spot - less Lamb of God was He, Shep-herd of the fold:

Pno.

53

With sudden hushed intensity

S
Let us kneel with Ma - ry maid, with Jo - seph bent and hoar - y, with

A
Let us kneel with Ma - ry maid, with Jo - seph bent and hoar - y, with

T
Let us kneel with Ma - ry maid, with Jo - seph bent and hoar - y, with

B.
Let us kneel with Ma - ry maid, with Jo - seph bent and hoar - y, with

With sudden hushed intensity

Pno.

57 *rit.* *ff* *mf* **a tempo**

S Saint and An - gel, ox and ass, to hail, to

A Saint and An - gel, ox and ass, to hail, to

T Saint and An - gel, ox and ass, to hail, to

B. Saint and An - gel, ox and ass, to hail, to

Pno.

60 *f* *rit.* *mp*

S hail, to hail the King of Glo - ry.

A hail, to hail the King of Glo - ry.

T hail, to hail the King of Glo - ry.

B. hail, to hail the King of Glo - ry.

Pno. *mp*

64 **Tempo primo**

S. *mf* Be -

A. *mf* Be -

T. *mf* Be -

B. *mf* Be -

Tempo primo

Pno. *mf*

68

slightly slower

S. fore the pal-ing of the stars, Be - fore the win-ter

A. fore the pal-ing of the stars, Be - fore the win-ter

T. fore the pal-ing of the stars, Be - fore the win-ter

B. fore the pal-ing of the stars, Be - fore the win-ter

slightly slower

Pno.

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72

S
morn, Be - fore the *mp*

A
morn, Be - fore the *mp*

T
morn, Be - fore the *mp*

B.
morn, Be - fore the *mp*

Pno.

76

rit.

S
ear - li - est cock - crow Je - sus Christ was born, Christ was born.

A
ear - li - est cock - crow Je - sus Christ was born, Christ was born.

T
ear - li - est cock - crow Je - sus Christ was born, Christ was born.

B.
ear - li - est cock - crow Je - sus Christ was born, Christ was born.

rit.

Pno.