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A Psalm for Christmas

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Thomas Pestel (1584-1659)

Con moto grazioso ♩ = 72

Solo Voice(s)

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Organ

10

Vce.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Org.

17

S. *mf*
On which was born our Sav-iour dear; A - rise_ and come a - way!_____ This day_ pre-vents his day_ of doom;

A. *mf*
On which was born our Sav-iour dear; A - rise_ and come a - way!_____ His

T.

B.

Org. *mf*

23

S. *f* *dim.*
The might-y God of love_____ is come, The day spring from on high,_____ the

A. *f* *dim.*
mer - cy now is nigh;_____ The might-y God of love_____ is come, The day spring from on high,_____ the

T.

B.

Org. *f* *dim.*

29

S. *p*
day-spring from on high!

A. *p*
day-spring from on high!

T. *p*
Lul - lay, _____ lul - lay, _____ *pp*
Lul - lay, _____ lul - lay, _____ lul-

B. *pp*
lul-

Org. *p*

35

S. *pp*
lul - - lay, _____ lul - - lay, _____ *mp*
Be-

A. *pp*
lul - lay, lul, _____ lul - - lay, _____ lul - - lay, _____

T. *pp*
lay, _____ lul - lay, _____ Mm, _____ Mm, _____

B. *pp*
lay, _____ lul - lay, _____ Mm, _____ Mm, _____

Org. *pp*

41

S. hold, be-hold, the great Cre-a - tor makes Him - self a house of clay, A robe of vir - gin

A. *mp* The great Cre - a - - tor makes him -

T. *mp* The great Cre - a - - tor makes him -

B. *mp* The great Cre - a - - tor makes him -

Org. *mp*

46

S. *cresc.* flesh he takes Which he will wear for aye. *f* Hark, hark, the wise e - ter - nal Word

A. *cresc.* self a house of clay, *f* Hark, wise Word,

T. *cresc.* self a house of clay, *f* Hark, wise Word,

B. *cresc.* self a house of clay, *f* Hark, wise Word,

Org. *cresc.* *f*

51

S. *sf* *p* *dim.*
 like an in - fant cries: In form of ser - vant is the Lord, And God in cra - dle lies, And

A. *sf* *p* *dim.*
 in - fant cries, ser - vant is the Lord, And God in

T. *sf* *p* *dim.*
 in - fant cries, ser - vant Lord, And God in

B. *sf* *p* *dim.*
 in - fant cries, ser - vant Lord, And God in

Org. *sf* *p* *dim.*

57

S. *pp*
 God in cra - dle lies. lul - lay, lul - lay,

A. *pp*
 cra - dle lies. lul - lay, lul - lay,

T. *pp*
 cra - dle, Mm, Mm, Mm,

B. *pp*
 cra - dle, Mm, Mm, Mm,

Org. *pp*

Solo voice(s) drawn from sopranos and altos, three phrases may be shared between voices ad lib.

64

mf

Vce. This won - der struck the world, this won - der, this won - der

mp

S. This won - der struck the world a-mazed, It shook the star - ry frame;

mp

A. This won - der struck the world a-mazed, It shook the star - ry frame;

mp

T. This won - der struck the world a-mazed, It shook the star - ry frame; Squad - rons of

mp

B. This won - der struck the world a-mazed, It shook the star - ry frame; Squad - rons of

mp

Org. *mp* *mf*

sempre legato

69

(ossia)

Vce. struck the world, it struck the world a - mazed,

mf

S. Glad shep - herds ran to view this sight;

mf

A. A

T. spi - rits stood and gazed, Then down in troops they came. Shep - herds ran to view this sight; a

B. spi - rits stood and gazed, Then down in troops they came. Shep - herds ran to view this sight; a

Org.

8 74

S. *f* *dim.*
 And east - ern sag - es with de-light A - dore this King of

A. *f* *dim.*
 quire of ang - els sings; And east - ern sag - es with de-light A - dore_ this King of

T. *f* *dim.*
 quire, a quire of an-gels sings, east-ern sag-es with de-light A - dore.

B. *f* *dim.*
 quire, a quire of an-gels sings, east-ern sag-es with de-light A - dore.

Org. *f* *dim.*

79

S. *p*
 Kings, a - dore_ this King_ of Kings. lul - - lay,

A. *p*
 Kings, a - dore_ this King_ of Kings. lul - - lay,

T. *p*
 King of Kings, a - dore this King_ of Kings.

B. *p*
 King of Kings, a - dore this King_ of Kings.

Org. *p*

85

S. *mf* lul - - - lay, Join them all hearts that are not stone, And *ff* all our voi - ces

A. *mf* lul - - - lay, Join them all, all our voi - ces

T. *mf* Join them all hearts that are not stone, And *ff* all our voi - ces

B. *mf* Join them all, all our voi - ces

Org. *ff*

90

S. prove, To ce - le-brate this ho - ly one, The God of peace and love, the

A. prove, To ce - le-brate this ho - ly one, The God of peace and love, the

T. prove, To ce - le-brate this ho - ly one, The God of peace and love,

B. prove, To ce - le-brate this ho - ly one, The God of peace and love,

Org.

95 *dim.* *mp* *p*

S. God of peace and love. The God of peace, the God of

A. *dim.* *mp*
God of peace and love,

T. *mp*
The God of peace and love,

B. *p*
God of peace,

Org. *dim.* *mp*

101 *pp* *ppp*

S. love, the God of peace and love, love.

A. *pp* *ppp*
the God of peace and love, love.

T. *pp* *ppp*
of love, of love.

B. *pp* *ppp*
of love, of love.

Org. *pp* *ppp*