

Angels' Carol

Words and music by
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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 TENORS *mf*

ring-ing out so clear? 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.

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A SOPRANOS and TENORS *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, 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*

dim. *p*

He is come in love as the child of

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* (Red.) (*) *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 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

mf

mp

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 *f* Let the earth re - joice ——— at the Sa - viour's

cresc. *mf*

(*f*)

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

94 morn: _____ (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.*

dim. *mf* *dim.*

103 *rall.* *Tranquil* (♩ = 92) *p dolce* *rall. al fine*

Hear the an-gels sing-ing 'Christ is born'. _____

p

rall. *Tranquil* (♩ = 92) *p* *rall. al fine*

(Red. *)