

A BED OF HAY

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Music by Peter Lawson

Rather slow and gentle ♩ = 80 rit. . . . a tempo

rit. . .

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano or Organ (if Organ, adapt as necessary)

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p

5 a tempo

rit. . . . a tempo

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 As the an-gels' mu - sic ech-oed round and round; Watch'd the sheep to guard them;

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8 rit. // **a tempo**
 // **p**

Where the ba-by lay Sleep-ing in a man-ger on a bed of hay.
 Shep-herds gone a-way Look-ing for a ba-by on a bed of hay.

// **p**

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div. // **p unis.**

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// **p** div.

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8

A

12

3. Ox and ass in Ju-dah, such'd down low to be Clo-ser to the ba-by on his

p

hmm, hmm,

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(small notes for rehearsal purposes only)

mf
p

p hmm, la, la,

moth-er's knee; hmm, la, la,

mf Breath'd a lit-tle hard - er, *p* la, la,

hmm, *mf* Warm-ing fros-air, tried to warm the ti-ny ba-by

p *mf* *mf*

B

molto rall.
mp

a tempo
(mp)

rit.

a tempo

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p *mp* *div.* *unis.* *mp* *div.* *unis.*

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(resume playing)

ppp *mp*

rit. a tempo

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Heav - 'nly light. Ev - 'ry ear was list - 'ning, Night had slipped a - way.

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A little slower ♩ = 72

Tempo 1 rit.

p Now God's son was ly-ing on a bed of hay.

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p uni Now God's son was ly-ing on a bed of hay.

p Now God's son was ly-ing on a bed of hay.

pp