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WELCOME CAROL

for unison voices and piano or orchestra *

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Op. 22

PIANO

Andante ♩ = 88

mp *cresc.* *mf*

Red. * *Red.* * *Red. sim.*

dim. *p*

In the land of
2. Shep-herds from a

Pal-es-tine two-thou-sand years ago, Ma-ry held her tin-y child and
hill-side near came strolling through that door, Eyes a-light with fear and won-der,

50

20

They were far from home,
"Show us now the king,

ro and him to and fro.
vices hushed in awe.

Duration: 5 mins

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ROBERTON

60

cold the night and long: Warm a - mid the sta - ble straw, she sang to him her
like the an - gels say. Let us be your wit - nes - ses, to prove he came to -

song: _____ "Je - sus, Je - sus, wel - com - to Earth!
day". _____ "Je - sus, Je - sus, wel - com - from the night!

mp cresc. *mf*

70

Rich - er now the wo - rds for your - humble birth. Oh _____
Bright - er now the will com - since you - saw the light. _____

fp

40

ep, _____ sleep a - gain, _____ Gift of _____ love from

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80

1st time

God to men."

1st time

mf cresc.

f dim.

2nd time

p
Ma - ry and, "Come hath - er round his

2nd time

8va

f

p

pp

90

lit - tle man - ger nest. *pp* Time soft - ly, make no noise; a ba - by needs his

(8va)

pp

pp

mp cresc.

mf

Soon will come the toils of this world of men,

loc

p

f poco rit. *mp* **(100)** *cresc.*
 soon the striv - ing, soon the weep - ing; Time e - nough 'til then".

poco rit. colla voce *p* **A tempo**

mf cresc. *f*
 Je - sus, Je - sus, wel - come from heart!

mf cresc. *f*

In the lives of y you must — play a part.

(110)
 h sleep, sleep a - gain, —

fp

mp *cresc.*
 Gift of — love from God to men: —

cresc.

(120)

ff
 Gift of — love from God — to

f *mf* *cresc.*

men.

f *ff* *mf dim.*

(130)

p *poco cresc.* *mp* *rit.* *pp*

Red. * *Red.* * *Red.*

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