

A BED OF HAY

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Music by Peter Lawson

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

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto

Piano or Organ (if Organ, adapt as necessary)

1. All the birds in Ju-dah heard the mu - sic start;
2. All the dogs of Ju-dah cried to hear the sound,

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p *v. 2 mp* *p* *v. 2 mp* *p* *v. 2 mp*

5 a tempo rit. a tempo

Heard the an-gels sing-ing, the night de-part; Saw the star hung lamp-like
As the an-gels' mu-sic eched round and round; Watch'd the sheep to guard them;

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rit. a tempo

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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.

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3. x d ass in Ju - dah crouch'd down low to be Clo-ser to the ba-by on his

mp

p hmm, hmm,

p hmm, hmm,

(small notes for rehearsal purposes only)

mp

p

p

16

p

moth-er's knee; Breath'd a lit-tle hard - er, la, la,

hmm, la, la,

mf

hmm, Warm-ing fros-ty air, To be born to warm the ti - ny ba-by

p

mf

molto rall. . . . **B** a tempo *mp* rit. . . . a tempo

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4. Na - ture wak'd in Ju-dah on that joy - ful night; Ev-'ry eye was op-en'd by the

mp

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mp

sleep-ing there. 4. Na - ture wak'd in Ju-dah on that joy - ful night; Ev-'ry eye was op-ened by the

(resume playing)

ppp *mp*

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rit. a tempo

rit.

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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.

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

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