

Choral music for Christmas

Balulalow

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FULL SCORE

for SATB voices

with two possible accompaniment options:

**Either 1) strings and (optional) piano
Or 2) piano and solo violin**

Text: anonymous words from the 16th century

Original version composed 1993

This version, 2002

Duration of piece: 4'

Versions of this piece are also available for the following voice combinations:

2 part (2nd part optional)
SAB
SSA (or SAA)

Each version has the same accompaniment options as above

For each version, a FULL SCORE and a VOCAL SCORE is available

String parts are available separately

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S
A

heav-en_ high to tell_____ the best news that e'er be-fell, To you their tid- ings true I

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Pno

Ped. Ped.

16

S

bring_____ and I will of_ them say and sing. This day to you is born a child of

A

bring_____ and I will of_ them say and sing. oo

T

B

oo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Db.

Pno

B *p cresc. poco a poco*

p cresc. poco a poco

p cresc. poco a poco

p cresc. poco a poco

p cresc. poco a poco

pizz. p cresc. poco a poco

p cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

Ped. Ped. Ped. (sim.)

C

26

S
joice both heart and mind.

A

T
B

Vln I
mp

Vln II
p *sim.*

Vla
p *sim.*

Vc.
p

Db.

Pno
mp
Ped. Ped.

31 D

S *p* ah

A div. *p* ah

T B TB unison *mp*

2) O my dear heart, young Je-sus

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Pno

Ped. Ped.

36

S ah

A ah

T B sweet pre-pare your cra-dle in my spreit, And I shall rock you in my heart and

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Pno

Ped. Ped.

E

41

S *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*
But I shall praise you e-ver-more with

A *unis. mp* *cresc. poco a poco*
But I shall praise you e-ver-more with

T *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*
TB div. ne-ver more_ from you de-part. But I shall praise you e-ver-more with

B

Vln I *p* *cresc. poco a poco*

Vln II *cresc. poco a poco*

Vla *cresc. poco a poco*

Vc. *P* *cresc. poco a poco*

Db. *pizz.* *p* *cresc. poco a poco*

Pno *cresc. poco a poco*
Ped. Ped.

45

S
songs so sweet un - to your gloir, The knees of my heart shall I bow, And sing *mf* that

A
songs so sweet un - to your gloir, The knees of my heart shall I bow, And sing *mf*

T
songs so sweet un - to your gloir, The knees of my heart shall I bow, And sing *mf*

B
songs so sweet un - to your gloir, The knees of my heart shall I bow, And sing *mf*

Vln I
mf

Vln II
mf

Vla
mf

Vc.
mf

Db.
mf

Pno
mf

50

S
right Ba-lu - la - low.

A
Ba-lu - la - low.

T
Ba-lu - la - low.

Vln I
mp

Vln II
mp

Vla
mp *sim.*

Vc.
div. *mp*

Db.
arco *mp*

Pno
mp

F

55 *mp*

S
A
T
B

Sing Ba-lu - la - low, sing Ba-lu - la - low, sing Ba-lu - la

Sing Ba-lu - la - low, sing Ba-lu - la - low, sing Ba-lu - la

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Db.

Pno

Ped. Ped.

60

S
low, sing Ba-lu - la - low.

A
low, sing Ba-lu - la - low. *poco cresc.*

T
low, sing Ba-lu - la - low. *poco cresc.*

B
low, sing Ba-lu - la - low. *poco cresc.*

Vln I
mp *poco cresc.*

Vln II
mp *poco cresc.* *sim.*

Vla
mp *poco cresc.*

Vc.
mp *poco cresc.*

Db.
mp *poco cresc.*

Pno
mp *poco cresc.*
Ped. Ped.

65 **G**

S 3) Let us re-joice now and be blyth_____ and

A 3) Let us re-joice now and be blyth_____ and with the shep-herds go full

T 3) Let us re-joice now and be blyth_____ and

B 3) Let us re-joice now and be blyth_____ and with the shep-herds go full

Vln I *mf*

Vln II *mf*

Vla *mf*

Vc. *mf*

Db. *mf*

Pno *mf*

69

S
with the shep-herds go full strength, And see what God of his grace hath done

A
strength, And see what God of his grace hath done through Christ to bring us to his

T
with the shep-herds go full strength, And see what God of his grace hath done

B
strength, And see what God of his grace hath done through Christ to bring us to his

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Db.

Pno

H

73 *p cresc. poco a poco*

S
ah

A
throne. My soul and life stand up and see who lies in a crib of tree, What

T
ah

B
throne. ah

Vln I
p cresc. poco a poco

Vln II
p cresc. poco a poco

Vla
p cresc. poco a poco

Vc.
unis.
p cresc. poco a poco

Db.
p cresc. poco a poco

Pno
p cresc. poco a poco

78

S
ah _____ or it _____ is Christ, God's son and heir.

A
babe is that so good and fair, or it _____ is Christ, God's son and heir.

T
_____ or it is Christ, God's son and heir.

B
_____ or it is Christ, God's son and heir.

Vln I
f *mf*

Vln II
f *mf*

Vla
f *mf*

Vc.
div. *f* *mf*

Db.
f *mf*

Pno
f *mf*

84 I *mp*

S
A

Sing Ba-lu - la-low,

T
B

(tenors have melody)
mf
mp

Sing Ba-lu - la-low, sing Ba-lu - la-

Vln I *mp*

Vln II *mp*

Vla *sim.* *mp*

Vc. *mp*

Db. *mp*

Pno *mp*

89

S
A
T
B

low, sing Ba-lu - la - low, sing Ba-lu - la - low, Ba-lu - la - low.

Vln I
Vln II
Vla
Vc.
Db.

Pno

mf
mf
mf
mf
mf
mf

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

J

94

mf (sops melody)

S
A

T
B

mf

sing Ba - lu - la - low,

sing Ba - lu - la - low,

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Db.

Pno

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

poco rit.

97

S
A
T
B
Vln I
Vln II
Vla
Vc.
Db.
Pno

sing Ba - lu - la - low.
sing Ba - lu - la - low.

Ped. Ped.