

Choral music for Christmas

Balulalow

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VOCAL 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

Vocal Score -
SATB

Balulalow

for SATB voices, strings and (optional) piano

Words - 16th century

or for SATB voices, piano and solo violin*

Music - Ken Johnston

Lullaby ♩ = 74

Piano

(L.H. over R.H.) *Ped.* *Ped.* (sim.)

6

S
A

SA unison *p*

1) I come from

Pno

Ped. *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

11

S
A

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

Pno

Ped. *Ped.*

* In both versions the vocal parts and piano accompaniment are identical.
In this vocal score the string parts are not shown.

Duration: 4'

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B

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
oo

B

Pno
cresc. poco a poco
Ped. Ped. Ped. (sim.)

21

S
Ma-ry meek and vir-gin mild, That bles-sed bairn be-nign and kind, shall you _____ re-

A
oo

T
oo

B

Pno
mf

C

26

S
joice both heart and mind.

A

T
B

Pno

mp

Ped. Ped.

D

31

S
ah

A
div. *p*
ah

T
B
TB unison *mp*
2) O my dear heart, young Je - sus

Pno

Ped. Ped.

36

S
A
T
B

ah
ah

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

Pno

Ped. Ped.

E

41

S
A
T
B

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

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

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

Pno

cresc. poco a poco
Ped. Ped.

45

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

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

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

B *mf*

Pno *mf*

50

S
right Ba - lu - la - low.

A
— Ba - lu - la - low.

T
— Ba - lu - la - low.

B

Pno *mp*

55 **F** *mp*

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

A *mp* Sing Ba-lu - la - low, sing Ba-lu - la - low, sing Ba-lu - la-

T *mp* Sing Ba-lu - la - low, sing Ba-lu - la - low, sing Ba-lu - la-

B *mp* Sing Ba-lu - la - low, sing Ba-lu - la - low, sing Ba-lu - la-

Pno

Ped. Ped.

60

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

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

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

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

Pno *mp* *poco cresc.*

Ped. Ped.

G

65

mf

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

mf

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

mf

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

mf

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

Pno

69

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

mf

A strength, And see what God_____ of his grace hath done_____ through

mf

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

mf

B strength, And see what God_____ of his grace hath done_____ through

Pno

72

S done ah **H** *p* *cresc. poco a poco*

A Christ to bring us to his throne. My soul and life stand up and see who *p* *cresc. poco a poco*

T done ah *p* *cresc. poco a poco*

B Christ to bring us to his throne. ah *p* *cresc. poco a poco*

Pno *p* *cresc. poco a poco*

76

S ah or it is *f*

A lies in a crib of tree, What babe is that so good and fair, or it is *f*

T or it is *f*

B or it is *f*

Pno *f*

81

S
Christ, God's son and heir.

A
Christ, God's son and heir.

T
Christ, God's son and heir.

B
Christ, God's son and heir.

Pno
mf

86

I

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

A
mf (tenors have melody)
mp
Sing Ba-lu - la-low, sing Ba-lu - la-low, sing Ba-lu - la-

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

B
mp

Pno
mp

Ped. Ped.

91

S A *mf* (sops melody)

T B *mf*

Pno *mf*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

96

S A *poco rit.*

T B *poco rit.*

Pno *poco rit.*

Ped. Ped.