

Choral music for Christmas

Balulalow

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FULL SCORE

for 2 part voices (2nd part optional)
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:

SATB
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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best news that e'er be-fell, To you their tid- ings true I bring _____ and I will of them say and sing. This

Vln II

Vla

Pno

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.



B

19

cresc. poco a poco

day to you is born a child of Ma-ry meek and vir -gin mild, That bles-sed bairn be-nign and kind, shall

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Db.

Pno

p cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

p cresc. poco a poco

pizz.

p cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

Ped. (sim.)

C

25 *mf*
you re-joice both heart and mind.

Vln I *mf* *mp*
Vln II *mf* *p* *sim.*
Vla *mf* *p* *sim.*
Vc. *mf* *p*
Db. *mf*
Pno *mf* *mp*
Ped. Ped.

D

31 *mp*
2) O my dear heart, young Je-sus sweet pre-

Vln I
Vln II
Vla
Vc.
Pno
Ped. Ped.

37

pare your cra-dle in my spreit, And I shall rock you in my heart and ne-ver more from you de-part. But

Vln II

Vla

Pno

Ped. Ped.



43

E

cresc. poco a poco

I shall praise you e-ver-more with songs so sweet un-to your gloir, The knees of my heart shall I bow, And

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

49

mf

sing that right Ba-lu - la - low.

Vln I *mf* *mp*

Vln II *mf* *mp*

Vla *mf* *mp* *sim.*

Vc. *mf* *mp* *div.*

Db. *mf* *mp* *arco*

Pno *mf* *mp*

55

F

mp

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

Vln I *mp*

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Db.

Pno

Red. *Red.*

72 **H** *p cresc. poco a poco*

done ah

p cresc. poco a poco

Christ to bring us to his throne. My soul and life stand up and see who lies in a crib of tree, What

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

ah

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

Vln I *f* *mf*

Vln II *f* *mf*

Vla *f* *mf*

Vc. *f* *mf* div

Db. *f* *mf*

Pno *f* *mf*

84

I

mp Sing Ba - lu - la - low,

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

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Db.

Pno

89

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

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

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Db.

Pno

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

J

unison voices

95 *mf* **poco rit.**

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

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Db.

Pno

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.