

Choral music for Christmas

Balulalow

Ken Johnston

VOCAL 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

Vocal Score -
2 part (2nd part optional)

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Words - 16th century

for 2 part voices (2nd part optional), strings and (optional) piano

Music - Ken Johnston

or for 2 part voices (2nd part optional), piano and solo violin *

Lullaby ♩ = 74

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

6 **A** unison voices *p*
1) I come from

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

16 **B** *cresc. poco a poco*
bring_ and I will of_ them say and sing. This day to you is born a child of

cresc. poco a poco
Ped. | *Ped.* | *Ped.* | (sim.)

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

Duration: 4'

21

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

Pno

26

C

joice both heart and mind.

Pno

Ped. Ped.

31

D

2) O my dear heart, young Je-sus

Pno

Ped. Ped.

36

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

Pno

Ped. Ped.

41 E *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 *mf*

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

Pno *mf*

50

right Ba - lu - la - low.

Pno *mp*

55 F *mp*

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

Pno

Ped. Ped.

60

low, sing Ba-lu-la-low.

Pno

mp *poco cresc.*

Ped. Ped.

65 **G**

optional second part *mf*

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

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

Pno

mf

69

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

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

Pno

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

Pno *p cresc. poco a poco*

77

ah

f

crib of tree, What babe is that so good and fair, or it is Christ, God's son and

Pno *f*

82 **I**

heir. Sing Ba-lu-la-

Pno *mf* *mp*

