

Choral music for Christmas

Balulalow

Ken Johnston

VOCAL SCORE

for SAB 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)
SATB
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 -
SAB

Balulalow

for SAB voices, strings and (optional) piano

Words - 16th century

or for SAB 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'

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

B
oo

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

B
oo

Pno
mf

C

26

S
joice both heart and mind.

A

B

Pno

mp

Ped. Ped.

D

31

S
ah

A
div. *p*
ah

B
mp
2) O my dear heart, young Je - sus

Pno

Ped. Ped.

36

S *ah*

A *ah*

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

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

B *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
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*

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

Pno
mf

50

S
right Ba - lu - la - low.

A
— Ba - lu - la - low.

B
— Ba - lu - la - low.

Pno
mp

F

55 *mp*

S
A
B

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

mp

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

Pno

Ped. Ped.

60

S
A
B

low, sing Ba-lu - la - low.

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

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

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

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

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

Pno

72

H

p cresc. poco a poco

S done ah

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

B Christ to bring us to his throne. ah

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

B or it is

f

Pno *f*

81

S
Christ, God's son and heir.

A
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 (melody)
Sing Ba-lu - la-low, sing Ba-lu - la-low, sing Ba-lu - la-

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

Pno
mp

Ped. Ped.

91

S A *mf* (sops melody) **J**

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

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

Pno *mf*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

96

S A *poco rit.*

low, sing Ba - lu - la - low.

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

Pno *poco rit.*

Ped. Ped.