

Choral music for Christmas

This Is The Birthday

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for SAB voices and piano

Version for 2 part voices and piano composed 1994
This version, 2002

Duration of piece: 3' 30"

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

2 part voices (2nd part optional) and piano
SSA (or SAA) and piano
SATB and piano

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Words -
Anonymous

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Lively but not too fast $\text{♩} = 140$

Piano *mf* light and staccato

6 SA unison *mf*

1) Re - jice and be mer - ry in songs and in

12

S A mirth, O praise our Re-dee-mer, all mor - tals on earth. For this is the

B

18

S A birth-day of Je - sus our King, Who brought us sal - va - tion, his prai - ses we'll

B

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24 *div. f*

S
A

sing. For this is the birth-day, this is the birth-day, this is the

B

f

28

S
A

birth-day of Je-sus our King. For this is the birth-day,

B

32

S
A

this is the birth-day, this is the birth-day, his prai-ses we'll sing.

B

mf

37

S
A

B

43

S
A

SA unison *mf*

2) A heav - en - ly vis - ion ap - peared in the sky, Vast num - bers of

49

S
A

div.

an - gels the shep - herds did spy. Pro - claim - ing the birth - day of

54

S
A

Je - sus our King, Who brought us sal - va - tion, his prai - ses we'll

59

S
A

f

5/4 3/4

sing. For this is the birth-day, this is the birth-day, this is the

B

f

63

S
A

birth - day of Je - sus our King. For this is the birth - day,

B

67

S
A

3/4

this is the birth-day, this is the birth-day, his prai - ses we'll sing.

B

mf

72

S
A

B

3) Like - wise a star in the sky did ap-pear, Which led wise -

78

B

mf.

men from the East to draw near. They found the Mes - si - ah, sweet

84

S
A

mp

00

B

Je - sus our King, Who brought us sal - va - tion, his prai - ses we'll

89

S
A

B

Je - sus our King, Who brought us sal - va - tion, his prai - ses we'll

94

S
A

f

For this is the birth-day, this is the birth-day, this is the

B

sing. *f* This is the birth-day, this is the birth-day,

98

S
A

birth-day of Je-sus our King. For this is the birth-day,

B

this is the birth-day of Je-sus our King. This is the

102

S
A

this is the birth-day, this is the birth-day, his prai-ses we'll sing.

B

birth-day, this is the birth-day, birth-day, his prai-ses we'll sing.

mf *legato*

Red.

107

S A unison *p*

4) And when they were come, they their trea - sures un -

ped. (sim.)

113

S A *div.*

fold, And un - to him of - fered myrrh, in - cense and gold. So bles - sed_ for

p

B So bles - sed_ for

119

S A

ev - er be Je - sus our King, Who brought us sal - va - tion, his prai - ses we'll

B

ev - er be Je - sus our King, Who brought us sal - va - tion, his prai - ses we'll

125

S
A

mp

sing. For this is the birth - day, this is the birth - day, this is the

B

mp

sing. This is the birth - day, this is the birth - day,

mp

p.

(still legato and with pedal)

129

S
A

birth - day of Je - sus our King.

B

this is the birth - day, the birth - day of Je - sus our King.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

134

S
A

f

For this is the birth - day, this is the birth - day, this is the

B

f

f

p.

(staccato, without pedal)

138

S
A
B

birth - day of Je - sus our King. For this is the birth - day,

142

S
A
B

this is the birth - day, this is the birth - day, his prai - ses we'll

146

S
A
B

unis.
sing. For this is the birth - day of Je - sus

150

S
A
B

our King.