

Choral music for Christmas

This Is The Birthday

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for SSA (or SAA) 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
SATB and piano
SAB and piano

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Words -
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Lively but not too fast ♩ = 140

Piano *mf light and staccato*

6 S unison *mf*

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

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

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

* The second soprano part can be sung by altos.

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S S *div. f*

A *f*

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

28

S S

A

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

32

S S

A

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

mf

37

S
S

A

43

S unison *mf*

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

S
S

49

div.

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

S
S

54

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

S
S

59

S
S

f

5/4 3/4

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

A

f

5/4 3/4

63

S
S

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

A

5/4 3/4

67

S
S

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

A

3/4

mf

72

S
S

A

78

mf

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

A

84

mp

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

S
S

A

89

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

S
S

A

94

f

S
S

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

A

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

98

S
S

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

A

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

102

S
S

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

A

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

mf legato

Ped.

107

S S unison *p*

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

Ped. (sim.)

113

S S *div.*

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

A *p*

So bles - sed for

119

S S

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

A

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

125 *mp*

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

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

mp

(still legato and with pedal)

129 *cresc.*

S
S
birth - day of Je - sus our King.

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

cresc.

cresc.

134 *f*

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

A
f

f

(staccato, without pedal)

138

S
S

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

A

142

S
S

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

A

146

S
S

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

A

150

S
S

our King.

A