A Little Advent Music

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SONATA CHOIR TACET MEASURES 1—37

VERSUS I

Moving

Soprano

\( \text{Savior of the nations, come,} \)

Alto

\( \text{Savior of the nations, come,} \)

Male Voices

\( \text{Savior of the nations, come,} \)

5

\( \text{Virgin's Son, make here Thy home!} \)

\( \text{Virgin's Son, make here Thy home!} \)

\( \text{Virgin's Son, make here Thy home!} \)

10

\( \text{Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,} \)

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I. The Promise

Narrator: There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the Light, that all might believe through Him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the Light. The true Light that enlightens every man was coming into the world.
(John 1: 6-9 RSV)

VERSUS II

Moving  ♩; delicate and light

Soprano

Alto

(meno P)

(meno P)

Thou, the

Thou, the Fa-
Thou, the Father's only Son, Hast o'er sin the victory won. Boundless shall Thy kingdom be; When shall we its glories see?
II. The Annunciation

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; And of His kingdom there will be no end.”

And Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her. (Luke 1: 26-33, 38 RSV)

VERSUS III

Quick \( \frac{3}{4} \), with all possible movement!

Soprano

15 Same tempo

O be wel-come, O be wel-come, O be wel-come,

16

O be wel-come, O be wel-come, Thou, my Lord,

17

poco rit.

O be wel-come!

18

3

2

2

3

32

Ho-san-na, ho-san-
na, hosanna, hosanna, blessed Word!

Thus prepare, O prepare,

thus prepare a way, O prepare a way

in, in, into my heart, into my heart

today, into my heart into my heart today.
III. The Visit to Elizabeth

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? . . . Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." (Luke 1: 39-43, 45 RSV)

VERSUS IV

ORGAN PRELUDE CHOIR TACET MEASURES 1—22

Slowly moving o

God be prais'd in all the earth,

God be prais'd, God be prais'd in

Male Voices

in all the earth For the won - der, for the won -

all the earth For the won - der, for the

all the earth For the won - der
der of this birth. Low-ly sin-ners all to save, For man-

wan-der of this birth. Low-ly sin-ners all to save, For man-

of this birth. Low-ly sin-ners all to save,

kind His Son He gave, His Son He gave.

kind, man-kind His Son He gave.

For man-kind His Son He gave.

ORGAN Tempo I CHOIR TACET

IV. Mary’s Song of Praise

And Mary said, “My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.” (Luke 1: 46-50 RSV)

VERSUS V

BARITONE SOLO CHOIR TACET
V. The Journey to Bethlehem

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. (Luke 2: 1, 3-5 RSV)

VERSUS VI

Slow Very contemplative, restrained

Soprano

So brightly doth Thy manager shine,

Alto

So brightly doth Thy manager shine,

The night has new light divide.

Let not sin

vine.

Let not sin

o'er-cloud this light,

13
VI. The Fulfillment

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. John bore witness to Him, and cried, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.'" And from his fullness we all received, grace upon grace. (John 1: 14-16 RSV)

VERSUS VII

Moving  
Praise to God the Fa -  
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