A CHRISTMAS HYMN
Text: Richard Wilbur (1921-2017)
Mixed choir and (chamber-) orchestra

Huub de lange (*1955)

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A CHRISTMAS HYMN (Huub de Lange)
A stable lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky;

The stars shall bend their voices And ev'ry stone shall cry.
ev’ry stone shall cry, and straw like gold shall shine;

barn shall harbor heaven, a stall become a shrine.
This child through David's city
Shall ride in triumph by;

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Shall ride in triumph by;
The palm shall strew its branches, And ev'ry stone shall cry.

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And ev'ry stone shall cry,
Though heavy, dull and dumb,
And lie within the road way
To pave His kingdom come.
Yet He shall be for-saken, And yielded up to die;

The sky shall groan and dark-en, And ev’ry stone shall cry, And
ev'ry stone shall cry
For stony hearts of men:

blood upon the spear-head,
God's love refused again.
But now, as at the ending, The low is lifted high;
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By whose descent among us
The worlds are reconciled.
But now, as at the ending, The low is lifted high;
The stars shall bend their voices, And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry In praises of the child
By whose descent among us The worlds are reconciled.

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poco a poco decresc.

rit.
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134 poco a poco decresc.

141 rit.
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poco a poco decresc.

rit.
Contrabass

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poco a poco decresc.

rit.