

ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT I HEARD THAT CRY

Text: Alice V. Stuart (1899 - 1983)

Huub de Lange (*1955)

$\text{♩} = 75$

mf

Soprano
On Christ - mas night I heard that cry that

mf

Alto
On Christ - mas night I heard that cry that

mf

Tenor
On Christ - mas night I heard that cry that

mf

Bass
On Christ - mas night I heard that cry that

³

S
pier - ces wo - men's hearts too nigh, the cry of a new - born

A
pier - ces wo - men's hearts too nigh, the cry of a new - born

T
pier - ces wo - men's hearts too nigh, the cry of a new - born

B
pier - ces wo - men's hearts too night, the cry of a new - born

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6

S
child, the re - luc - tant spi - rit, trapped as man,

A
child,

T
child,

B
child,

9

S
-

A
-

T
Thrust in a world that thwarts God's plan, Wai - ling, un - re - con -

B
Thrust in a world that thwarts God's plan,

12

S
Me - thought the thin and moun - ting woe pierced to those

A
me - thought the thin and moun - ting woe pierced to those

T
ciled. me - thought the thin and moun - ting woe pierced to those

B
me - thought the thin and moun - ting woe pierced to those

15

S stars that earth be - low watch in their si - lent

A stars that earth be - low watch in their si - lent

T stars that earth be - low watch in their si - lent

B stars that earth be - low watch in their si - lent

18

S scorn.

A scorn. Was it the child_ of ho - ly birth, or

T scorn.

B scorn.

21

S that sor - rowed be - ing

A all the babes o'-er all the earth that sor - rowed be - ing

T (mm... *mp*)

B (mm... *mp*)

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24 *f*

S born? O world, two thou - sand years have

A born?

T

B

27

S flown since first, di - vine - ly, to His own came the

A

T

B

30

S child a - va - tar,

A *f* what of the

T *mf* (ah...)

B *mf* (ah...)

33

S

A

T

B

gol - den age, God - gi - ven, he - ral - ded by the hosts of

36

S

A

T

B

hea - ven 'neath that earth - - - stoo - ping star?

A -

39

S

A

T

B

las! the mil - len - nial tale of wrong still,

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S

A

T

B

8

still be - lies the an - gel song and life gain - says good -

46

S

A

T

B

8

will.

mf

The ten - der soul en - dues is

mf

The ten - der soul en - dues is

mf

(mm...)

mf

(mm...)

49

S

A

T

B

8

flesh in an a - lien world, and dies a - fresh our

flesh in an a - lien world, and dies a - fresh our

52

S
frus - trate sa - viour still. When shall that ge - ne - ra - tion

A
frus - trate sa - viour still. When shall that ge - ne - ra - tion

T
8 When shall that ge - ne - ra - tion

B
8 When shall that ge - ne - ra - tion

55

S
rise po - tent to pat - tern on the skies this

A
rise po - tent to pat - tern on the skies this

T
8 rise po - tent to pat - tern on the skies this

B
8 rise po - tent to pat - tern on the skies this

58

S
earth - ly fief of God, and mo - thers no more

A
earth - ly fief of God, and mo - thers no more

T
8 earth - ly fief of God, and mo - thers no more

B
8 earth - ly fief of God, and mo - thers no more

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61

S weep to see their babes' in-car-nate in-no-cen - cy

A weep to see their babes' in-car-nate in-no-cen - cy

T weep to see their babes' in-car-nate in-no-cen - cy

B weep to see their babes' in-car-nate in-no-cen - cy

64

S mar-tyred in flesh and blood.

A mar-tyred in flesh and blood.

T mar-tyred in flesh and blood.

B mar-tyred in flesh and blood.

68

mf S On Christ-mas night I heard that cry

mf A On Christ-mas night I heard that cry

mf T On Christ-mas night I heard that cry

mf B On Christ-mas night I heard that cry

72

S that pier - ces wo - men's hearts too nigh, an

A that pier - ces wo - men's hearts too nigh,

T that pier - ces wo - men's hearts too nigh,

B that pier - ces wo - men's hearts too nigh,

75

S in - fant's wail for - lorn.

A *mf* Was it the

T

B

78

S

A Child of ho - ly birth, or all the babes o'-er all the

T *mp* (mm...)

B *mp* (mm...)

81

S

A

T

B

that

earth that sor-rowed, be - ing born? that

84

S

A

T

B

poco rit.

sor - rowed, be - ing born?

poco rit.

sor - rowed, be - ing born?

poco rit.

poco rit.