

SINGING PRAISES TO THE CHRIST-CHILD

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So warm and mild the night air,
No breath disturbs the calm,
On the hills the shepherds keep watch
To guard the sheep from harm.
A mother holds her baby,
Rejoicing in his birth,
Singing praises to the Christ-child,
Protector, saviour, shepherd to all on earth.

So cold our winter season,
A time of ice and snow,
Of bare and frozen mountains,
And icy winds below.
But sing we hearty praises,
Give thanks for Christ-child's birth,
O keep us from grief and terror,
Protector, saviour, sovereign of all on earth.

Can be sung: S, A, unaccompanied
 S, A, with piano accompaniment

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$\text{♩} = 108$

Soprano (S) and Alto (A) vocal staves with piano accompaniment. The piano part includes dynamics such as *f*, *mp*, and *p*. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

Continuation of the piano accompaniment. It includes performance directions: *poco rit*, *a tempo*, and *poco rit*. Dynamics include *mp*, *p*, and *f*. The key signature remains one sharp.

Vocal line with lyrics: "So warm and mild the night air, No". The piano accompaniment continues below. Dynamics include *mf*. The key signature is one sharp.

13. breath dis-turbs the calm, On the hills the shep-herds

17. keep watch, To guard the sheep from harm.

22. A moth-er holds her ba-by, Re-joic-ing in his

26. *mf* birth, Singing prais-es to the Christ-

30. *p* child, *mf* Pro-tec-tor, *mp* sav-rit.

34. *a tempo* *mf* -iour, shep-herd to all on earth.

4 Slower $\text{♩} = 80$ *Poco rit* *mp* *a tempo*

S

38. So

Slower $\text{♩} = 80$

A

38. *p* *Poco rit* *a tempo*

42. cold our win ter sea- son, A time of

mp *mp*

So cold our win- ter sea- son, A time of

mp *p*

45. ice and snow, Of bare and fro-zen

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45. mp

49. moun-tains, And ic- y winds te- low.

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49. hold back a tempo

53. *mp* But sing we hear-ty prais-es, Give thanks for *mp*

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53. *mp* *p* *p*

poco rit *a tempo*
mf

57. Christ-child's birth, O keep us from grief and

poco rit *a tempo*
mf

Christ-child's birth, O keep us from grief and

poco rit *a tempo*
mp *p*

57.

61. *p* ter-ror, *mf* Pro-tec-tor, *mp* Sav-our, *rit* iour,

61. *p* ter-ror, *mf* Pro-tec-tor, *mp* sav-our, *rit* iour,

61. *mp*

65. *a tempo* *mf* sov-ereign of all on earth.

65. *mf* sov-ereign of all on earth.

65. *a tempo*