

Eboracum Choral Series

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IN THE DESERT

Poem: Andy Blackford

Dick Blackford

Maestoso ♩ = c.92

mf

Soprano (S.) part: Treble clef, key signature of B-flat major (two flats), time signature 4/4. The vocal line consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Alto (A.) part: Treble clef, key signature of B-flat major (two flats), time signature 4/4. The vocal line consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. Below the staff, the instruction "(Hum)" is written.

Bass (B.) part: Bass clef, key signature of B-flat major (two flats), time signature 4/4. The vocal line consists of quarter notes.

The lyrics "In the de - sert cries a ba - by, stone and star his g - gious birth- right," are written below the vocal parts. A large, bold, black watermark "PREVIEW ONLY" is overlaid across the center of the music staff.

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P

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child bap-tized in ce - les - tial splen-dour, man trans-formed by a fa-thom-less grace,

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mp

child bap-tized in ce - les - tial splen-dour, man trans-formed by a fa-thom-less grace,

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S. *mf*
bright- ly burn- ing con - stel - la-tion, con - se - crate the new Mes - siah.

A. *mf*
bright- ly burn- ing con - stel - la-tion, con - se - crate the new Mes - siah.

T. *mf*
bright- ly burn- ing con - stel - la-tion, con - se - crate the new Mes - siah.

B. *mf*
bright- ly burn- ing con - stel - la-tion, con - se - crate the new Mes - siah.

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17 *Verse 2*
mp
Thro' that time - less night the herds - men drawn by faith to a de-re - lic - sta - ble

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Thro' that time - less night the herds - men drawn by faith to a de-re - lic - sta - ble

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step with hearts de - vot and cer-tain, bound by words of a long - told fa - ble:

step with hearts de - vot and cer-tain, bound by words of a long - told fa - ble:

step with hearts de - vot and cer-tain, bound by words of a long - told fa - ble:

step with hearts de - vot and cer-tain, bound by words of a long - told fa - ble:

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p child bap-tized in ce - les - tial splen - dour, man trans- formed by a fa-thom- less grace,

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man trans- formed by a fa-thom- less grace,

29 *mp*

suns and pla-nets wheel a - bove, trans-form the night to mi - ra-cul-lous day.

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mp

suns and pla-nets wheel a - bove, trans-form the night to mi - ra-cul-lous day.

mp

suns and pla - nets wheel a - bove, trans-form the night to mi - ra-cul-lous day.

mp

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suns_ and pla - nes_ wheel a - bove, trans - form_ the night to mi - ra-cul - lous day.

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33 *Verse 3* *mp*

power with - in him stirs the light, the light in - stilled.

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(Melody) power with - in him stirs the light, the light in - stilled.

mf

Now the power with - in him stirs the Light in-stilled in Beth-le-hem burn-ing.

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Now the power with - in him stirs the Light in-stilled in Beth-le - hem burn - ing.

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In his blood a star still shines, and floods his heart with learning:
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In his blood a star still shines, and floods his heart with learning:

In his blood a star still shines, and floods his heart with perfect learning:

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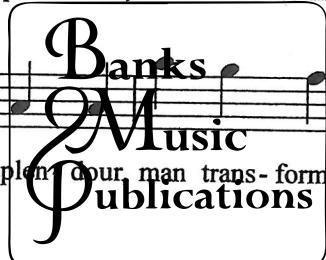
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child baptized in celestial splendor, man transformed by a fa-thom-less grace,

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Love ex - pressed thro' la - bou rule and square mark out his days.

Love ex - pressed thro' ho - nest la - bou rule and square mark out his days.

Love ex - pressed thro' ho - nest la - bou rule and square mark out his days.

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Verse 4

So he sets his tools a - side and

mf

So he sets his tools a - side and

mf

So he sets his tools a - side and

mf

So he sets his tools a - side and

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*It is dramatically effective to bring the organ in on verse 4 using this two bar introduction and doubling the vocal score. However, the whole carol can be performed effectively a capella.

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turns his mind to man - kind's suff - ring, heals the sick, re - stores the bro - ken,

turns his mind to man - kind's suff - ring, heals the sick, re - stores the bro - ken,

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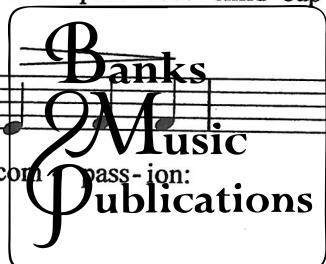
mend - ing souls with deep com - pass - ion: child bap - tized in ce - les - tial splen - dour,

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mend - ing souls with deep com - pass - ion:

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man trans - formed by a fa-thom - less grace, One con-ceived in pri - mal star-dust

mp **mf**

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mp **mf**

man trans - formed by a fa-thom - less grace, One con-ceived in pri - mal star-dust

mp **mf**

man trans - formed by a fa-thom - less grace, One con-ceived in pri - mal star-dust

mp **mf**

man trans - formed by a fa-thom - less grace, One con-ceived in pri - mal star-dust

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Rall. **ff**

mak - ing whole our hearts a - gain, mak - ing whole our hearts a - gain!

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mak - ing whole our hearts a - gain, mak - ing whole our hearts a - gain!

ff

mak - ing whole our hearts a - gain, mak - ing whole our hearts a - gain!

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mak - ing whole our hearts a - gain, mak - ing whole our hearts a - gain!