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Joseph Made a Treasure Box



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movement thirteen:
A Cappella Christmas
Cantata

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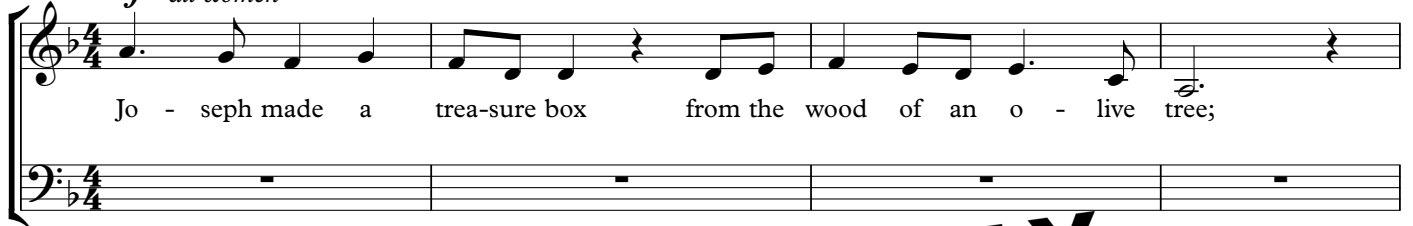
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Matthew 2:11

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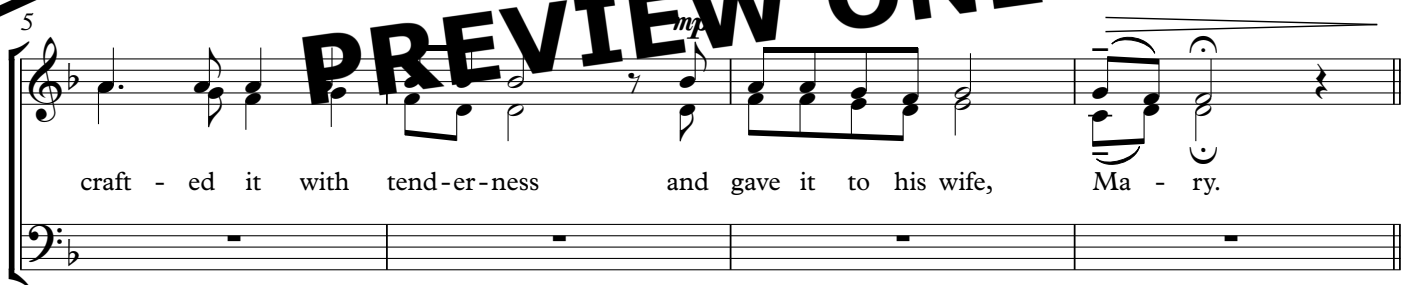
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mf all women



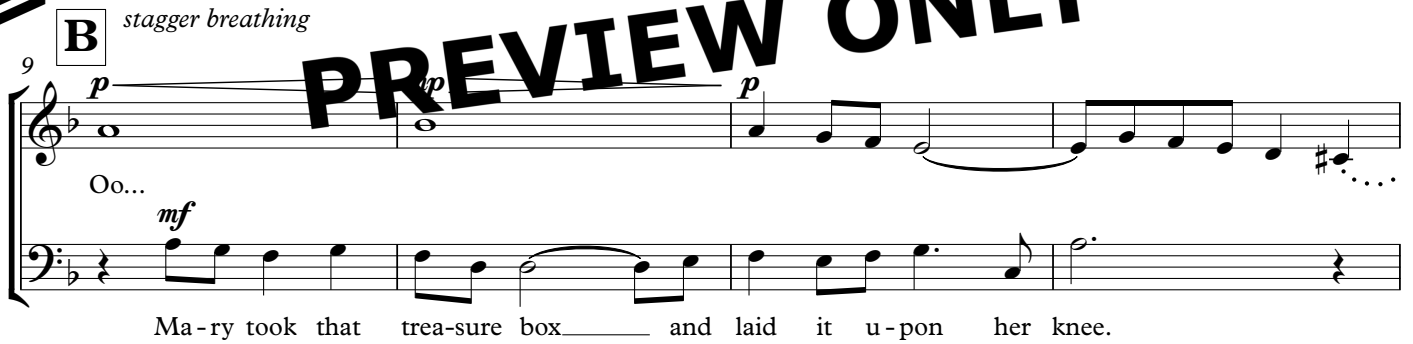
Jo - seph made a trea-sure box from the wood of an o - live tree;

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craft - ed it with tend-er-ness and gave it to his wife, Ma - ry.

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B *stagger breathing*
p Oo... *mf* Ma-ry took that trea-sure box and laid it u-pon her knee.

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13 (Oo...) I will keep out trea - sures. three. (tre - sures three.)
 "Here with-in my pret - ty box I will keep out trea - sures. three.



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C full warm sound

17 *mf*

Gold - en brace-let for His ti - ny arm; sym - bol of roy - al - ty.____

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21 *sopranos* *f*

Fair - est Lord Je - sus make me pure, I long to wor - ship Thee.

altos *f*

Fair - est Lord Je - sus make me pure, I long to wor - ship Thee.

Fair - est Lord Je - sus make me pure, I long to wor - ship Thee.____

fall me with hand over the notes

D

25 *p* *mp*

Oo Sym - bol of De - i -

mf

Frank - in - cense to make the air sweetly - bol of De - i - ty.____

29 *mf* *f* *rit.*

ty.____ up to Thee. Ho - ly Na - ti - vi - ty.____

All of our praise ris - es up to Thee Ho - ly Na - ti - vi - ty.



E *a tempo - sotto voce*
molto dolce - rubato

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mp

Jo - seph made a trea - sure box from the wood of an o - live tree;

mp

Jo - seph made a trea - sure box from the wood of an o - live, wood of an o - live

mp

Jo - seph made a trea - sure box from the wood of an o - live tree;

mp

Jo - seph made a trea - sure box from the wood of an o - live tree;

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craft - ed it with ten - der - ness and gave it to his wife, Ma - ry.

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Bit - ter myrrh to use in time of death, curse of hu-man-i - ty.

Bit - ter myrrh to use in time of death, curse of hu-man-i - ty.

Bit - ter myrrh to use in time of death, curse of hu-man - i -

Bit - ter myrrh to use in time of death, curse of hu-man - i -

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Lord, I will praise Thee with ev - 'ry breath for all e - ter - ni - ty.

Lord, I will praise Thee with ev - 'ry breath for all e - ter - ni - ty.

ty. praise Thee with ev - 'ry breath for all e - ter - ni - ty.

ty. praise Thee with ev - 'ry breath for all, for all e - ter - ni -

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mp

Oo...

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mp

Oo...

mp

Oo...

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mp

ty. Oo...

The musical score consists of five staves. The first four staves are vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) with lyrics 'Oo...' and 'ty. Oo...'. The fifth staff is the piano accompaniment. The score is marked with a mezzo-piano (mp) dynamic. A large 'PREVIEW ONLY' watermark is overlaid on the score.

"Joseph Made a Treasure Box" is admittedly imaginative. He was, after all, a carpenter. This song is a sequel to "Mary Treasured All These Things". Notice that the melody and meter are similar.

The three Magi came to visit Jesus approximately two years after the Holy birth. Nativity scenes that portray the wise men at the manger are not historically accurate.

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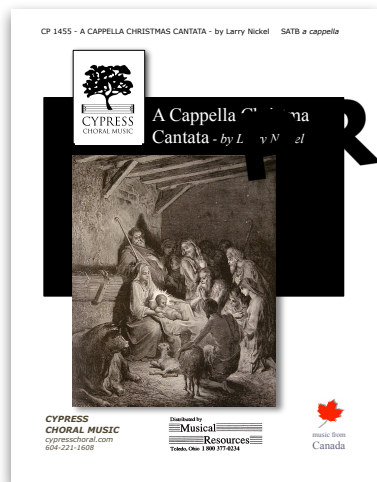
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- 1) **First Fruits**
- 2) **Behold, A Great Light**
- 3) **Break Forth, O Beautiful Light**
- 4) **Mary Treasured All These Things**
- 5) **Joseph's Dream - part one**
- 6) **Caesar Augustus**
- 7) **No Room**
- 8) **The Grief of Pleasures**
- 9) **Tidings of Great Joy**
- 10) **Herod the Ruler**
- 11) **Joseph's Dream - part two**
- 12) **There's a Cry Over Bethlehem**
- 13) **Joseph Made a Treasure Box**
- 14) **Little Lamb, Who Made Thee?**
- 15) **Behold, a Great Light - reprise**

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