

IF THIS CHILD WERE BORN TODAY

for SATB voices with piano accompaniment

The First Noel - Traditional English carol
Away in a Manger - Music by James R. Murray
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Tenderly (♩ = 80-84)

PIANO

S
A

⁵ *mp* (unis.)

If this child were born to-day in a man - ger on the hay,

T
B

would we see a King? Would we hear _____ an - gels sing?

13

p

Oo

mp (unis.)

If a star were shin-ing bright, would we no - tice in the night?

No - el, No - el

(div.)

Would we be the ones to be - hold God's Son?

21

più mosso

mf (div.)

Would we fall on bend - ed knee

più mosso

mf

wor - ship - ing this Babe?

29

Would we praise with thank - ful hearts

(opt. S. div.) 2nd time to Coda ⊕ (pg. 7)

poco rit.

God's gift of sal - va - tion?

(unis.) *mp*

The _

2nd time to Coda ⊕ (pg. 7)

poco rit.

mp

Tempo I

39 *mp* (unis.)

If this child were born to-day in a man - ger on the hay,

first _____ No - el the an - gel did say Was to

Tempo I

would we see a King? Would we hear _____ an - gels sing?

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in _____

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el, No - el! _____

If a star were shin-ing bright, would we no - tice in the night?

fields _____ where _____ they lay, _____ keep - ing their sheep, On a

D.S. al Coda (pg. 4)

Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Would we be the ones to be - hold _____ God's Son?

(div.)

cold win - ter's night _____ that was _____ so deep.

D.S. al Coda (pg. 4)

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Coda

(S. unis.)

poco rit.

The gift of sal - va - tion?

Coda

poco rit.

S *f* [61] Tempo I
The first No - el the an - gel did

A *f*
If this child were born to - day in a man - ger

T *f*
No - el, No - el

B *f* *
A - way in a man - ger, no crib for

[61] Tempo I

say Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they
on the hay would we see a King? Would we hear an - gels
Born is our Em - man - u -
bed The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet

*Basses may sing optional lower notes if desired.

69

lay; In fields where they lay, keep - ing their
sing? If a star were shin - ing bright, would we no - tice
el. No - el, No - el!

head. The stars in the sky looked down where he

69

sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so
in the night? Would we be the ones to be - hold God's
Born is the King of Is - ra -
lay. The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the

deep. 77

S
A

Sqn. No - el, No - el, No - el, No -

el.

T
B

hay. 77

ff (S. unis.) *f* 83 *p*

el! — Born is the King. Come ten - der - ly on bend - ed

ff *f* *p* 83

poco rit. 87 Slower

knee, you will see the King.

poco rit. 87 Slower (B. div.) *pp* 8va

*Tenors may sing unison with bass or optional higher notes.

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