

# The Christ-Child

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for SATB choir and piano

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**SOPRANO ALTO** **Dreamily** **Sopranos:** **p** **mp**

PIANO **pp**

**5** **p** **mf** **Intense, but legato**

His hair was like a light.

(O weary, weary  
**Intense, but legato**

**10** **mf**

wear - ry, wear - ry, wear - ry,  
were the world, weary, weary



14                      *Gently*                      *Sopranos: p* ————— *mp* —————  
 but here is all a - right.)

were the world,              *Gently*  
*pp* *subito*

19                      *p* ————— *mp* —————  
 2. The Christ - child lay on Ma - ry's breast, —————  
*pp* \*Mmm ...on  
*pp* \*Mmm

\* Lips slightly apart

23                      *p* ————— *mp* ————— > *Suddenly furious*  
 His hair was like a star.  
*mmm*                      *p* ...like a star. > *f* (O  
 Ma - ry's breast,              *mmm*                      *p* ————— > *f*  
*Suddenly furious*

*mf*

27

stern and cun - ning are\_ the kings, stern and cun - ning are\_ the kings,

31 *sempref*

Gently

*mp* but here the true hearts

stern and cun - ning are\_ the kings,

*sempref*

*pp*

*pp*

Gently

*pp*

*subito*

36 are.)

*mp*

3. The Christ-child lay on

*Aah*

*p*

40 *mf*

Mary's heart,  
His hair was like a fire.  
on Mary's heart. ...like a

With sudden intensity  
wea - ry, wea - ry is the world,  
fire.

Passionately  
aah

With sudden intensity  
wea - ry, wea - ry is the world,

Gently  
wea - ry, wea - ry is the world,

Gently  
*pp subito*

52

but here the world's de - sire.)

*aah*

the world's de - sire.

56

Sopranos: *mp*

Tenors: *mp*

4. The Christ-child stood on Ma - ry's knee,

His

60

*mf*

*p* Gently

hair was like a crown,

And all the flow'rs looked

*pp*

64 *Very gently*

*p*

up at Him, *aah* all the flow'rs looked

*Very gently*

*pp*

68 and

*p*

up at Him, and

*pp*

71 *rit.* *p* *pp*

all the stars looked down, the stars looked down.

*pp*

all the stars looked down, the stars looked down, the stars looked down.  
*aah* the stars looked down, looked down.

*pp*