

The Christ-Child

for TBB choir and piano

Words: G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936) ("A Christmas Carol Poem")

Music: Philip Le Bas

♩=75 Gently and simply *p* legato

Tenor

1. The Christ-child lay on Ma - ry's lap, _____ His

Bass 1

Bass 2

Piano

pp

Ped. *sim.*

6

hair was like a light. _____

mf *with emphasis*

(O wea - ry, wea - ry were the world,

mf *with emphasis*

(O wea - ry, wea - ry were the world,

mf

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wea - ry, wea - ry were the world,
wea - ry, wea - ry were the world,

mp
mp
pp
Red.

16

but here is all a - right.) 2.The

p legato *mp legato*

sim.

21

Christ-child lay on Ma - ry's breast, his hair was like a star.
Aah on Ma - ry's breast, aah

p *mp* *p*

26

intensely

f stern_ and cun - ning,

f intensely

(O stern_ and cun - ning are the kings, stern_ and cun - ning,

f intensely

(O stern and cun - ning are the kings, stern and cun - ning,

30

dim molto

p legato stern and cun-ning, stern and cun - ning are the kings, but

dim molto

stern_ and cun-ning, stern and cun - ning are the kings,

dim molto

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

pp
Red. sim.

45

f *ff* *f*

aah wea - ry,

passionately
f *ff* *f*

wea-ry, wea-ry is the world, aah wea - ry, wea-ry

passionately
f *ff* *f*

wea-ry, wea-ry is the world, aah wea-ry, wea-ry

50

ff *dim molto* *p* *legato* *mp*

wea - ry, but here the world's de - sire.)

ff *dim molto* *pp* *legato* *p*

is the world, but here the world's de - sire.)

ff *dim molto* *pp* *legato* *p*

is the world, but here the world's de - sire.)

pp

Red. *sim.*

55

P legato ————— *mp* ————— *p*

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

P legato ————— *mp* ————— *p*

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

p legato ————— *mp* ————— *p*

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

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mp ————— *p* *legato* ————— *mf*

hair was like a crown. And all the flow'rs looked up at Him,

mp ————— *p* *legato* ————— *mf*

his hair was like a crown. And all the flow'rs looked up at Him,

mp ————— *p* *legato* ————— *mf*

his hair was like a crown. And all the flow'rs looked up at Him,

65 *very gently* *pp* *legato* *p* *mp*

pp *very gently* *pp* *legato* *p*

pp *very gently* *pp* *legato* *p*

pp *very gently* *pp* *legato* *p*

mmm, all the flow'rs looked up at Him,

mmm, all the flow'rs looked up at Him,

mmm, all the flow'rs looked up at Him,

p *p* *pp*

70 *pp* *distantly*

pp *distantly*

pp *distantly*

pp *distantly*

and all the stars looked down, and

and all the stars looked down,

and all the stars looked

Red.

73 *rit.* *sim.*

all the stars looked down, the stars looked down.

and all the stars looked down, looked down.

down, and all the stars looked down.