

The Christ-Child

for SSA choir and piano

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

Music: Philip Le Bas

Gently *mp* (Sops only)

♩=75

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

6

hair was like a light. *f* (O wea-ry, wea-ry were the world,

11

Wea ry, wea - ry were the world, But *mp*

17

here is all a - right.) *mp* (Sops) Christ child lay on
(Altos) *p* 2. The Aah - -

22 Ma - ry's breast, His hair was like a star.

f (O

Aah

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

mf

32 are the kings, But here the true hearts are.)

mp *p* *Aah*

pp

38 3.The Christ child lay on Ma - ry's heart, His hair was like a

mf

43 fire. (O wea - ry, wea - ry is the world, *aah* - -

f *ff* *Passionately*

mf

48

Wea - ry, wea - ry is the world.)

f *pp*

52

But here the world's de - sire.)

mp

55

(Sops 1)

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

mp

(Sops 2)

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

mp

(Altos)

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

mp

60

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

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

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

mf

65 Gently

p *mmm* - - - - *mf* all the flow'rs looked up at Him,

p *mmm* - - - - *mf* all the flow'rs looked up at Him,

p *mmm* - - - - *mf* all the flow'rs looked up at Him,

p *mf* *pp*

70

mp And all the stars looked down, and

mp And all the stars looked down,

mp And all the stars looked

73 *rit.*

all the stars looked down, looked down,

rit. and all the stars looked down, down,

rit. down, looked all the stars looked down,

rit.