

The Christ-Child

for SSA choir and piano

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

Music: Philip Le Bas

Gently *mp* (Sops only)

$\text{♩} = 75$

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

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

wea - ry, wea - ry were the world, but *mp*

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

(Altos) *p* 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

mp

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

mp but here the world's de - sire.)

55

(Sops 1)

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

(Sops 2)

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

(Altos)

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

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

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

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

p *pp*

65 *Gently* *mp*
mmm all the flow'rs looked up at Him,
mp
mp
mp
pp

70 *p* and all the stars looked down, and
p and all the stars looked down,
p and all the stars looked

73 *rit.*
all the stars looked down, the stars looked down.
rit.
and all the stars looked down, looked down.
rit.
down, and all the stars looked down.
rit.