

For Claire and the Gallery Choir, St. Columba's Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C.

Beneath the Stars

SATB and organ

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Gently ♩ = 60 *mp*

First time S.A., Second time T.B
or both times unison

mp

A *a tempo*

Je - sus born be - neath the stars in Beth - le - hem that win - try night, there
cross the years we see you there; A - sleep be - fore your toil be - gins, is

Pedal part may be omitted

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9

was no room to lay your head, no oth - er place for you to
there a room with - in our hearts, a low - ly place for you to

13

1 *poco rit.* 2 *no ritard tutti mf*

lie. A share An -

17 **B** *poco a poco cresc.*

oth - er year has come and gone, and you have made ac -

poco a poco cresc.

An - oth - er year has come _____ and gone, and you have made ac -

20

count of all the pal - try fa - vors grace has won, — the

no breath

f *dim.*

count _____ of all the pal - try fa - vors grace has won, the

f *dim.*

23

emp - ty vow, the fre - quent fall.

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mp

27

First time S.T., Second time T.B.
or both times unison

mp **C** *a tempo*

O Je - sus born in Beth - le - hem, the
bless us Lord, this Christ - mas night*, our

Je - - - sus born the
Bless - - - us Lord our

a tempo

* "Christmas time" or "day and night" as appropriate to the time of year

1st time no breath

31

King of Kings and Lord of all the dreams and hopes of
minds with your pure thoughts in - spire, and make our luke - warm

King and Lord the
minds in - spire and

34

cresc. (2nd time only)

this poor world, our Sav - ior in an ox - - - en's
hearts to glow, with ten - der love and joy - - - ful

cresc. (2nd time only)

8

37

1 *poco rit.* 2 *no ritard* *mf*

stall. 0 fire An -

1 2

poco rit. *mp* *mf*

41 **D** *poco a poco cresc.*

oth - er year has come and gone. A - gain your shin - ing

mf *poco a poco cresc.*

A - noth - er year has come and gone, a - gain your shin - ing

poco a poco cresc.

44

star ap - pears to guide us as we bow be - fore your

star ap - pears to guide us as we bow be -

47

throne, and of - fer up this prayer. Through life's bright day and

fore your throne and of - fer up this prayer,

ff

ff

10

50 *rit.* *molto dim.* *no breath* **E** *mp* *a tempo*

death's dark night O gen - tle Je - sus born in

Je - - - - sus

rit. *molto dim.* *mp* *a tempo*

53

Beth - le - hem. Be - neath the stars that Christ - mas night, O

born be - neath the stars O

56 *poco rit.*

gen - tle Sav - ior be our Light.

Sav - - - ior be our Light.

poco rit. *pp*