

Child divine

John Frederick Bridge (1844 - 1924)

Smoothly, and not too fast

1. List! a - far! what an - gel voi - ces Fall up - on the win - ter night!

The first system of music is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It features a piano (*p*) dynamic. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "1. List! a - far! what an - gel voi - ces Fall up - on the win - ter night!"

5 *cresc.*

Earth a - mid the sound re - joi - ces; Broods of E - vil speed their flight. List— for aye sweet

cresc. *f*

The second system of music starts at measure 5. It features a crescendo (*cresc.*) and a forte (*f*) dynamic. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Earth a - mid the sound re - joi - ces; Broods of E - vil speed their flight. List— for aye sweet"

10

words of glad - ness Through the ge - ne - ra - tions roll, Calm - ing ev' - ry

p

The third system of music starts at measure 10. It features a piano (*p*) dynamic. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "words of glad - ness Through the ge - ne - ra - tions roll, Calm - ing ev' - ry"

14

mourn - er's sad - ness:—"CHRIST is born— to save thy soul." Child Di - vine— what

sf *p* *pp*

sf *p* *pp*

The fourth system of music starts at measure 14. It features dynamics of *sf* (sforzando), *p* (piano), and *pp* (pianissimo). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "mourn - er's sad - ness:—"CHRIST is born— to save thy soul." Child Di - vine— what"

18 *cresc.*

Pow'rs are round Thee! Health to man Thy Pres - ence brings: Age by age have

22 *rall.*

my - riads found Thee LORD of Lords and KING of Kings.

2. Born to heal what sin hath broken —
 Born its captives to release —
 Born — by Prophet-lips forespoken —
 MIGHTY GOD and PRINCE of Peace;
 When the Passions rage in blindness,
 Thou their stormy waves canst still,
 Turning by Thy Spell of Kindness
 Hate and Malice to Good-will,
 Child Divine — who'er hath known Thee
 Hails the joy Thy Presence brings:
 Thine through life — in Death we own Thee
 LORD of Lords and KING of Kings.

3. Sing, ye hosts — triumphant thronging
 Round The LAMB enthroned in Light.
 Sing, O man — the hymn prolonging
 Through thy toils of hourly fight.
 Sing what Grace, what nameless Glory
 Stooped to rescue sons of Earth;
 Grateful spread the wondrous story, —
 Hail The Incarnate SAVIOUR'S Birth.
 Child Divine, all hearts that know Thee
 Know the strength Thy Presence brings, —
 Know what debt of Love we owe Thee,
 LORD of Lords and KING of Kings.