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# A Christmas Carol

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*Lento e dolcissimo* ♩ = 42 *mp*

S  
A  
T  
B

The  
ah  
The Christ - child lay, the Christ - child lay, the  
The Christ - child lay, the Christ - child lay, the

*Lento e dolcissimo* ♩ = 42 *p*

for rehearsal only

3 4 *p*

Christ - child lay on Ma - ry's lap, His  
ah  
Christ - child lay on Ma - ry's lap, His  
Christ - child lay on Ma - ry's lap, His

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hair was like a light, was like a light.

His hair like a light, like a light. [A2]oh,

hair like a light, like a light.

hair like a light, was like a light. (O)

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

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(But

unis.

oh,

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

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

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

*p*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

9

here is all a - right.)

*mp*  
(But here is all a - right.)

here is all a - right.) The

here is all a - right.) The

here is all a - right.) The

here is all a - right.) The

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*mf*  
The

*mp*  
ah the Christ - child lay,

Christ - child lay, the Christ - child lay, the

Christ - child lay, ah, the

Christ - child lay, the Christ - child lay, the

13 14

Christ - child lay on Ma - ry's breast, His

ah ah

Christ - child lay on Ma - ry's breast, His

Christ - child lay on Ma - ry's breast, His

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hair was like a star, was like a star.

His hair like a star, like a star. [A2]oh,

hair like a star, like a star.

hair like a star, was like a star. (O

17

*mf* unis. (O stern are the kings, But *mp*)

*mf* oh,

*mf* (O stern and cunning are the kings, are the kings, But *mp*)

*mf* (O stern and cunning are the kings, are the kings, But *mp*)

*mf* stern and cunning are the kings, But *mp*

*mp*

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here the true hearts are.)

*mp* (But here the true hearts are.)

here the true hearts are.) *p* The

here the true hearts are.) *p* The

here the true hearts are.) *p* The

*p*

21

*p*  
The

*pp*  
Christ - child lay, the Christ - child lay, the

*pp*  
Christ - child lay, ah, the

*pp*  
Christ - child lay, the Christ - child lay, the

*pp*

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*mp*  
Christ - child lay on Ma - ry's heart, His

*pp*  
ah ah

*mp*  
Christ - child lay on Ma - ry's heart, His

*mp*  
Christ - child lay on Ma - ry's heart, His

*mp*  
Christ - child lay on Ma - ry's heart, His

*mp*

25 *cresc.* *mf*  
 hair was like a fire, was like a fire.

*mp* *cresc.* *mf* *mp*  
 His hair like a fire, like a fire. [A2] oh,

*cresc.* *mf*  
 hair like a fire, like a fire.

*cresc.* *mf*  
 hair like a fire, was like a fire. (O)

*cresc.* *mf* *mp*

27 *mp*  
 (O wea - ry, wea - ry, O wea - ry,

*mp*  
 oh,

*mp* *mf* (mel.)  
 (O wea - ry, wea - ry is the world, is the world, But

*mp* *mf*  
 (O wea - ry, wea - ry is the world, is the world, But

*mf*  
 wea - ry, wea - ry is the world, But

*mf*

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But here the world's desire.)

(But here the world's desire.) The

here the world's desire.)

here the world's desire.) The

here the world's desire.) The

here the world's desire.) The

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Christ - child stood, the Christ - child stood, the

ah ah The

Christ - child stood, the Christ - child stood, the

Christ - child stood, the Christ - child stood, the

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33 *mf*

ah His  
Christ - child stood at Ma - ry's knee,  
Christ - child stood at Ma - ry's knee, His  
Christ - child stood at Ma - ry's knee, His

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hair was like a crown, was like a crown.  
His hair like a crown, like a crown.  
hair like a crown, like a crown. And  
hair like a crown, was like a crown. And

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all the flow - ers looked at Him, And

The flow - ers looked at Him, And

all the flow - ers looked at Him, And

*mf* *mp* *mp*

all the stars looked down, looked down.

And all the stars looked down, looked down.

all the stars looked down, looked down, looked down.

all the stars looked down, looked down, looked down.

all the stars looked down.

*p* *rit.* *p* *rit.* *p* *rit.* *p* *rit.* *p* *rit.*