

Before the Paling of the Stars

Poem by
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SATB a cappella Choir

Music by
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Lento con tenerezza ♩ = 70

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Soprano
Be - fore the pal - ing of the stars, be - fore the win - ter

Alto
Be - fore the pal - ing of the stars, — be - fore the win - ter

Tenor
Be - fore the pal - ing of the stars, be - fore the win - ter

Bass
Be - fore the pal - ing of the stars, be - fore — the win - ter

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For rehearsal only

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S
morn, be - fore the ear - li - est cock - crow,

A
morn, — be - fore the ear - li - est cock - crow, —

T
morn, be - fore the cock - crow, —

B
morn, be - fore the ear - li - est cock - crow,

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8 *pp*

S Je - sus Christ was born, born in a sta - ble,

A *pp*
Je - sus Christ was born, born in a sta - ble,

T *pp*
8 Je - sus Christ was born, born in a sta - ble,

B *pp*
Je - sus Christ was born, born in a sta - ble,

8 *pp*

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S cra - dl'd in a man - ger, in the world His

A cra - dl'd in a man - ger, in the world His

T 8 cra - dl'd in a man - ger, in the world His

B cra - dl'd in a man - ger, in the world His

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Before the Paling of the Stars

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S *pp* love has made: Born a stran - ger. *mf* Priest and king lay

A *pp* love has made: Born a stran - ger. *mf* Priest and king lay

T *pp* love has made: Born a stran - ger. *mf* Priest and king lay

B *pp* love has made: Born a stran - ger. *mf* Priest and king lay

15 *pp* *mf*

19

S fast a - sleep, in Je - ru - sa - lem. Young and old lay

A fast — a - sleep, — in Je - ru - sa - lem. Young and old lay

T *8* fast a - sleep, in — Je - ru - sa - lem. Young and old lay

B fast — a-sleep, in Je - ru - sa - lem. Young and old lay

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