



## About the Work

The definitive opening hits from the piano begin this triumphant work appropriate for the Christmas season. The echoic texture of the voices illustrates the resounding nature of the text before the chorus expands to traditional harmonic chords. A contrasting middle section gives more motion to the work before building to a recapitulation of the opening stanza. This will be a great opener for your choirs at your holiday concert or worship service.

*I sing the birth was born tonight,  
The Author both of life and light;  
The angels so did sound it,  
And like the ravished shepherds said,  
Who saw the light, and were afraid,  
Yet searched, and there they found it.*

*The Son of God, the eternal King,  
That did us all salvation bring,  
And freed the soul from danger;  
He whom the whole world could not take,  
The Word, which heav'n and earth did make,  
Was now laid in a manger.*

*The Father's wisdom willed it so,  
The Son's obedience knew no "No,"  
Both wills were in one stature;  
And as that wisdom had decreed,  
The Word was now made Flesh indeed,  
And took on Him our nature.*

*What comfort by Him do we win?  
Who made Himself the Prince of sin,  
To make us heirs of glory?  
To see this Babe, all innocence,  
A Martyr born in our defense,  
Can man forget this story?*

— Ben Jonson (1572–1637)

## About the Composer



Mr. Christopher Alexander is an award-winning composer and arranger from St. Joseph, Missouri. He received his Bachelor of Science in Vocal Music Education degree from Missouri Western State University in 2009. A self-taught pianist, his compositions and arrangements ranging from instrumental works to vocal solo and choral literature. Mr. Alexander has been commissioned numerous times by singing groups and church choirs within the northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas regions. He is also active in musical theatre productions as a music director and pianist. His works have been published with GIA Music Publications and Hal Leonard.

In 2016, he was awarded the St. Joseph Allied Arts Council Mayor's Award for Artist of the Year. In 2022, he was inducted into the New Generation Singers Hall of Fame.

Mr. Alexander currently serves as the pianist and primary arranger for The New Generation Singers, a Christian singing youth group based in St. Joseph, Missouri. He is a member of NAFME, ACDA, MCDA, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity.

He is available for commissions and conducting events on request.

# A HYMN ON THE NATIVITY OF MY SAVIOR

SATB and Piano

Words by  
BEN JONSON (1572-1637)

Music by  
CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

**SOPRANO ALTO**  
*Stately, grand* (♩ = c. 96) *unis. f*  
 I sing the birth was born to -

**TENOR BASS**  
*Stately, grand* (♩ = c. 96) *unis. f*  
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**PIANO**  
*f* *sim.*

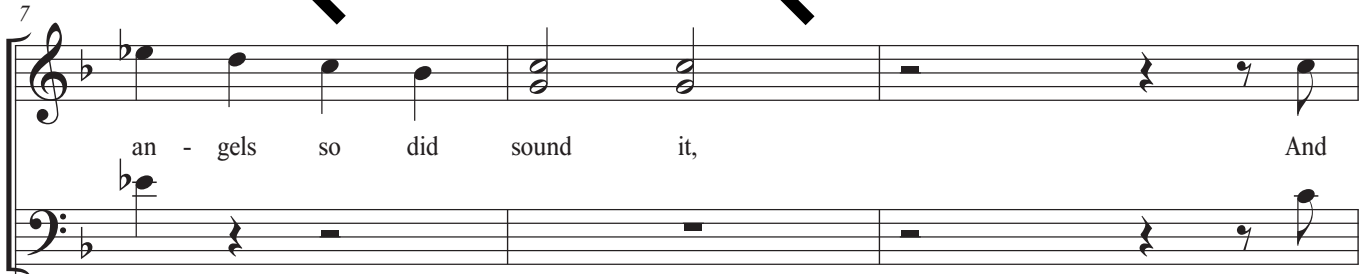
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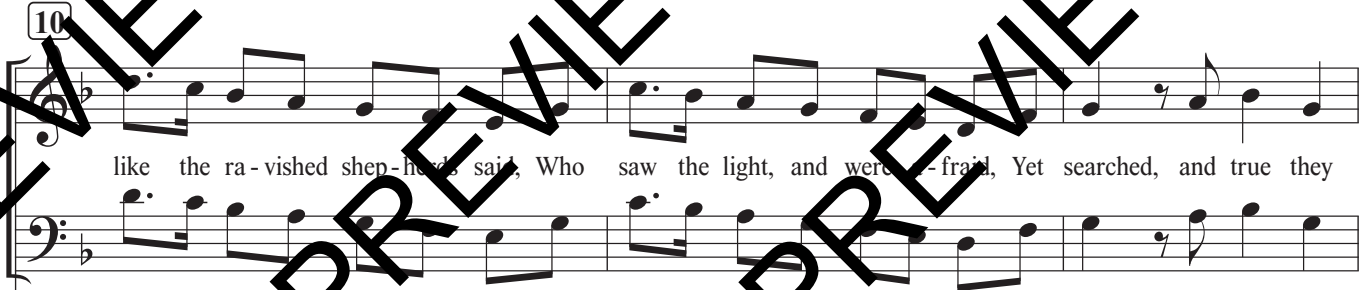
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light.



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like the ra - vished shep - herds said, Who saw the light, and were af - fraid, Yet searched, and true they



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13 found it. 15 unis. The



13 15 unis. The son of God, the eter - nal



16  
son of God, the e - ter - nal King, That did us all sal - va - tion  
King, That did us all sal - va - tion bring, And

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King, That did us all sal - va - tion bring, And

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bring, And freed the soul from dan - ger. He  
freed the soul from dan - ger;

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Con moto (♩ = 128)

25 *legato mp* **27**

man - ger. What com - fort by Him do we

25 **27** Con moto (♩ = 128)

*mp legato*

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win? Who made Him - son the Prince of

29

33

sin. To make us heirs of

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