

LONG TIME AGO IN BETHLEHEM

(SA, accompanied)

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With rhythmic definition ♩ = 116

The musical score is arranged in three systems. Each system includes a piano accompaniment (piano) and two vocal parts: Soprano (S) and Alto (A). The piano part is in 4/4 time with a tempo of 116 beats per minute. The vocal parts are in 4/4 time and feature lyrics in English. The score includes dynamic markings such as *mp* (mezzo-piano) and includes rehearsal marks 5 and 9. The lyrics are: "O, what a wonder and O, what a story in Beth - le - hem, in Beth - le - hem, kings came a - rid - in' just to see His glo - ry, Beth - le - hem, kings came a - rid - in' just to see His glo - ry,".

System 1: Piano accompaniment (piano) and vocal parts (Soprano and Alto) starting with *mp*. The lyrics are: "O, what a wonder and O, what a story in Beth - le - hem, in".

System 2: Piano accompaniment and vocal parts continuing the lyrics: "Beth - le - hem, kings came a - rid - in' just to see His glo - ry, Beth - le - hem, kings came a - rid - in' just to see His glo - ry,".

System 3: Piano accompaniment and vocal parts concluding the lyrics: "Beth - le - hem, kings came a - rid - in' just to see His glo - ry, Beth - le - hem, kings came a - rid - in' just to see His glo - ry,".

13

O Lord, in Beth-le-hem. — No - el, no - el,

O Lord, in Beth-le-hem. — No-el, — no-el, —

cresc. 17

long time a - go in Beth - le - hem, — no - el, no -

long time a - go in Beth - le - hem, — no - el, —

17

cresc.

decresc.

el, ver-y long time a-go.

decresc.

no-el, — ver-y long time a-go.

decresc. cresc.

22 *mf*

Heav-en - ly an - gels sang in glad ex-ul - ta - tion in

Heav-en - ly an - gels sang in glad ex-ul - ta - tion in — Beth - le-hem — in

mf

p

26

Beth - le-hem, — for un-to us — a ho-ly child is giv - en,

Beth - le-hem, — for un-to us — a ho-ly child is giv - en,

26

30

O Lord, in Beth - le-hem. — No - el, no -

O Lord, in Beth - le-hem. — No-el, —

30

el, long time a - go in Beth - le - hem, — no -

no - el, — long time a - go in Beth - le - hem, —

cresc.

34

el, no - el ver - y long time a - go. —

no - el, — noel, — ver - y long time a - go. —

cresc. *decresc.* *decresc.*

34

decresc. *cresc.*

39

f O, what a won - der, and O, what a sto - ry in —

f O, what a won - der, and O, what a sto - ry in —

39

f

43 *poco cresc.*

Beth - le - hem, in Beth - le - hem, shout from the heav - ens for the

Beth - le - hem, in Beth - le - hem, shout from the heav - ens for the

43 *poco cresc.*

poco cresc.

mf

king of glo - ry, O Lord, in Beth - le - hem. No -

king of glo - ry, O Lord, in Beth - le - hem.

mf

mf

47

el, no - el, long time a - go in

No - el, no - el, long time a - go in

47