

FIVE CAROLS

for S.A.T.B. a cappella

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4. SWEET WAS THE SONG

Words: WILLIAM BALLETT (17th Century)

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Poco lento (♩ = 66)

SOPRANO
Sweet was the song the Vir - gin sang,

ALTO
Sweet was the song the Vir - gin sang,

TENOR
Sweet was the song the Vir - gin

BASS
Sweet was the song the Vir - gin

Piano reduction (rehearsal only)

Poco lento (♩ = 66)

When she to Beth - lem Ju - - da - - came,

When she to Beth - lem Ju - - da came,

sang, When she to Beth - lem Ju - - da

sang, When she to Beth - lem Ju - - da

p *poco cresc.*
 And was de - li - vered of a son that

p *poco cresc.*
 And was de - li - vered of a son that

p *poco cresc.*
 came, And was de - li - vered of a son

p *poco cresc.*
 came, And was de - li - vered of a son

mf *dim.* *p*
 bles - sed Je - sus hath to name.

mf *dim.* *p*
 bles - sed Je - sus hath to name.

mf *dim.* *p*
 that bles - sed Je - sus hath to name.

mf *dim.* *p*
 that bles - sed Je - sus hath to name.

she, 'my son, and eke a sa - - -

she, 'my son, and eke a sa - - -

babe,' sang she, 'my son, and eke a

babe,' sang she, 'my son, and eke a

mf

mf

mf

mf

- - - viour born, Who hast vouch - sa - - fed

- - - viour born, Who hast vouch - sa - - fed

sa - - - viour - born, Who hast vouch -

sa - - - viour - born, Who hast vouch -

mp

mp

mf

mp

mf

mp

mf

mp

cresc.
 from on high to vi - sit us that
cresc.
 from on high to vi - sit us that
cresc.
 - sa - fed from on high to vi - sit
cresc.
 - sa - fed from on high to vi - sit

mf 3 *p*
 were for - - lorn: La - lu - la, la - lu - la,
mf *p*
 were for - - lorn: La - lu - la, la - lu -
f *mf* *p* [u] [ar]
 us that were for - lorn: La - lu - la, la - lu - la,
f *mf* *p*
 us that were for - lorn: La - lu - la, la - lu -

Poco più lento (♩ = 60)

poco rit.

pp (molto espr.)

la - lu - la - by. Sweet babe,' sang she, And

- - la - by. Sweet babe,' sang she, And

la - lu - la - by. Sweet babe,' sang she,

- - la - by. Sweet babe,' sang she,

poco rit.

, Poco più lento (♩ = 60)

pp

rocked him sweet - ly on her knee.

rocked him sweet - ly on her knee.

And rocked him sweet - ly on her knee.

And rocked him sweet - ly on her knee.

rit.

rit.

rit.

rit.