WEXFORD CAROL

Irish traditional carol
arranged by
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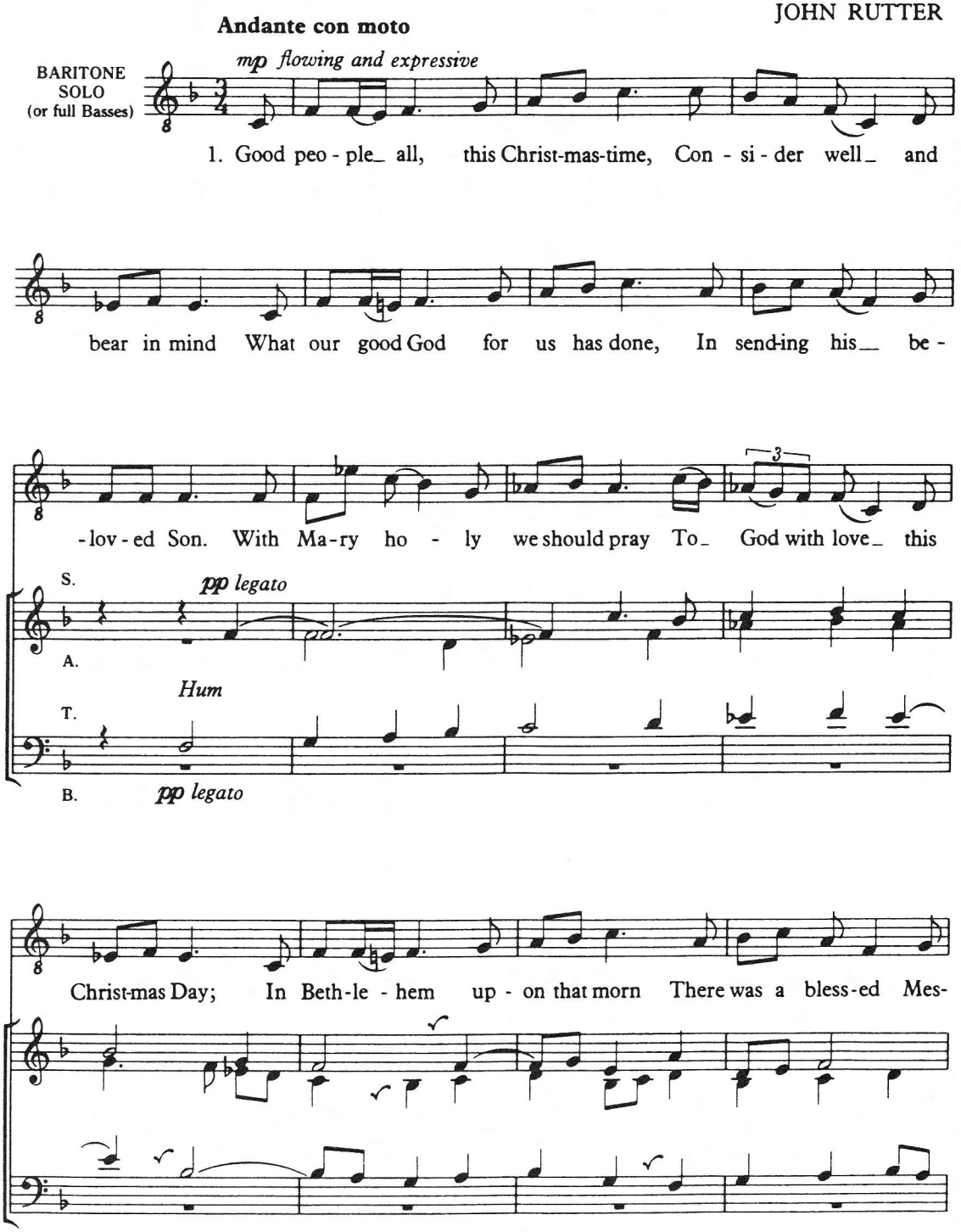

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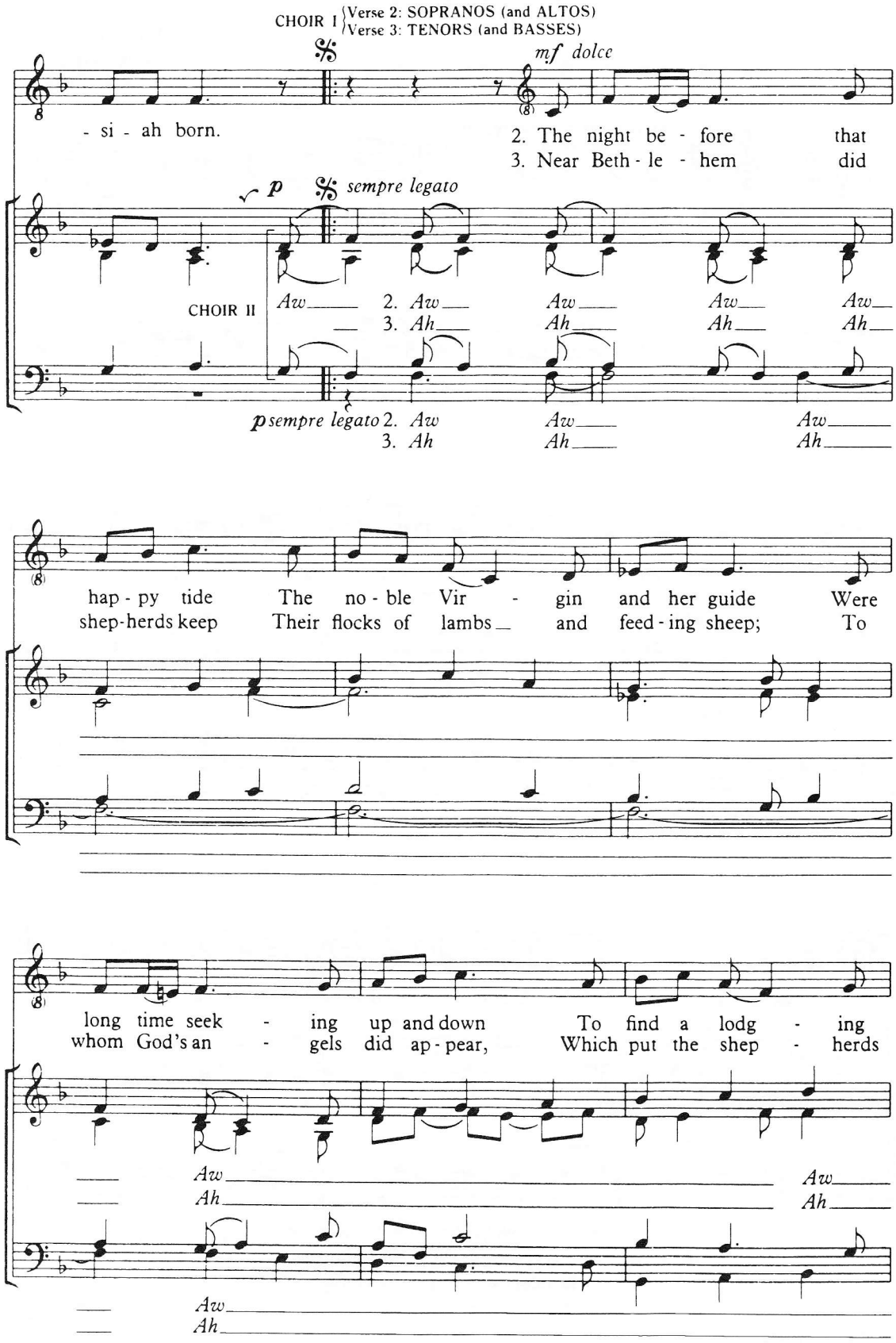
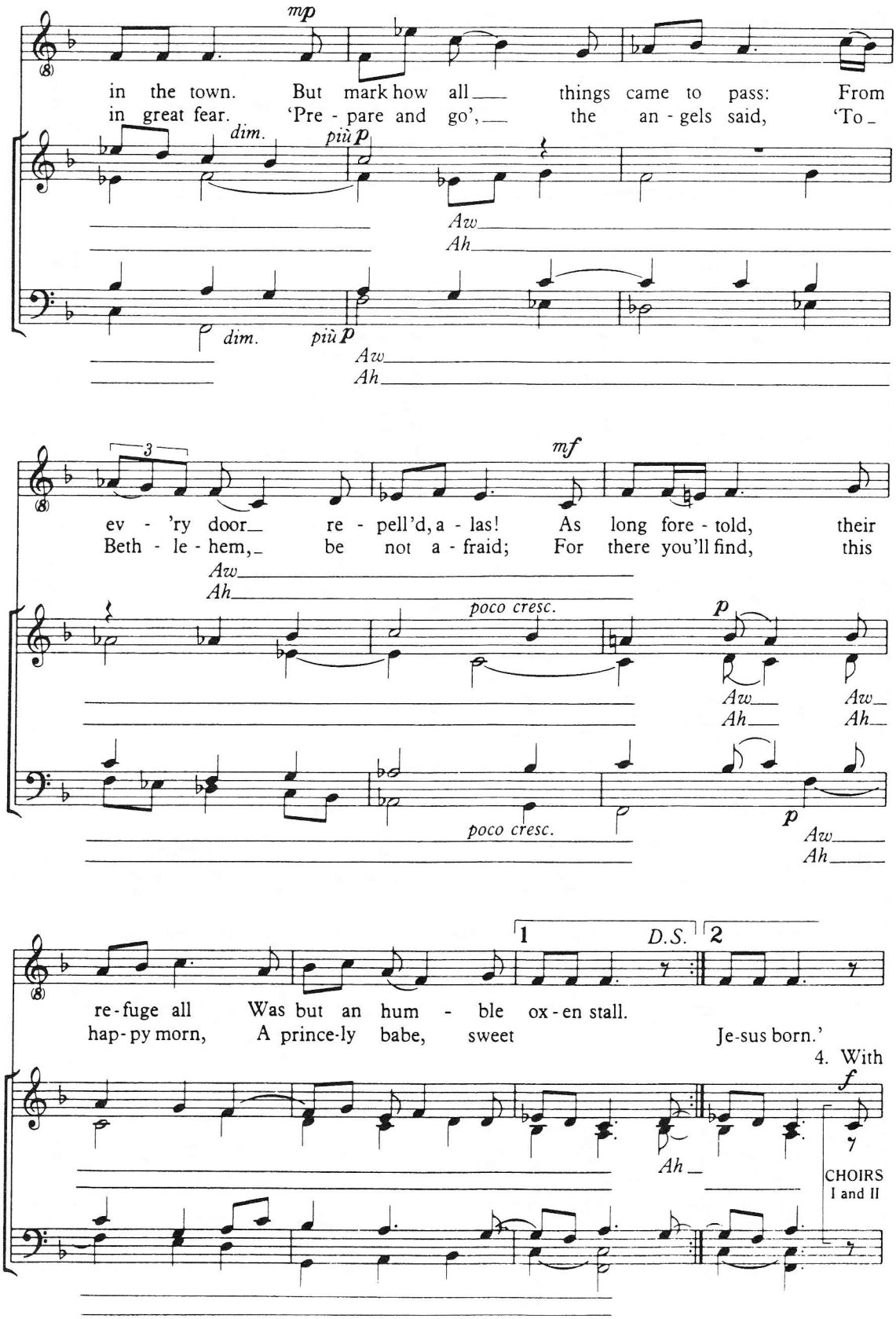
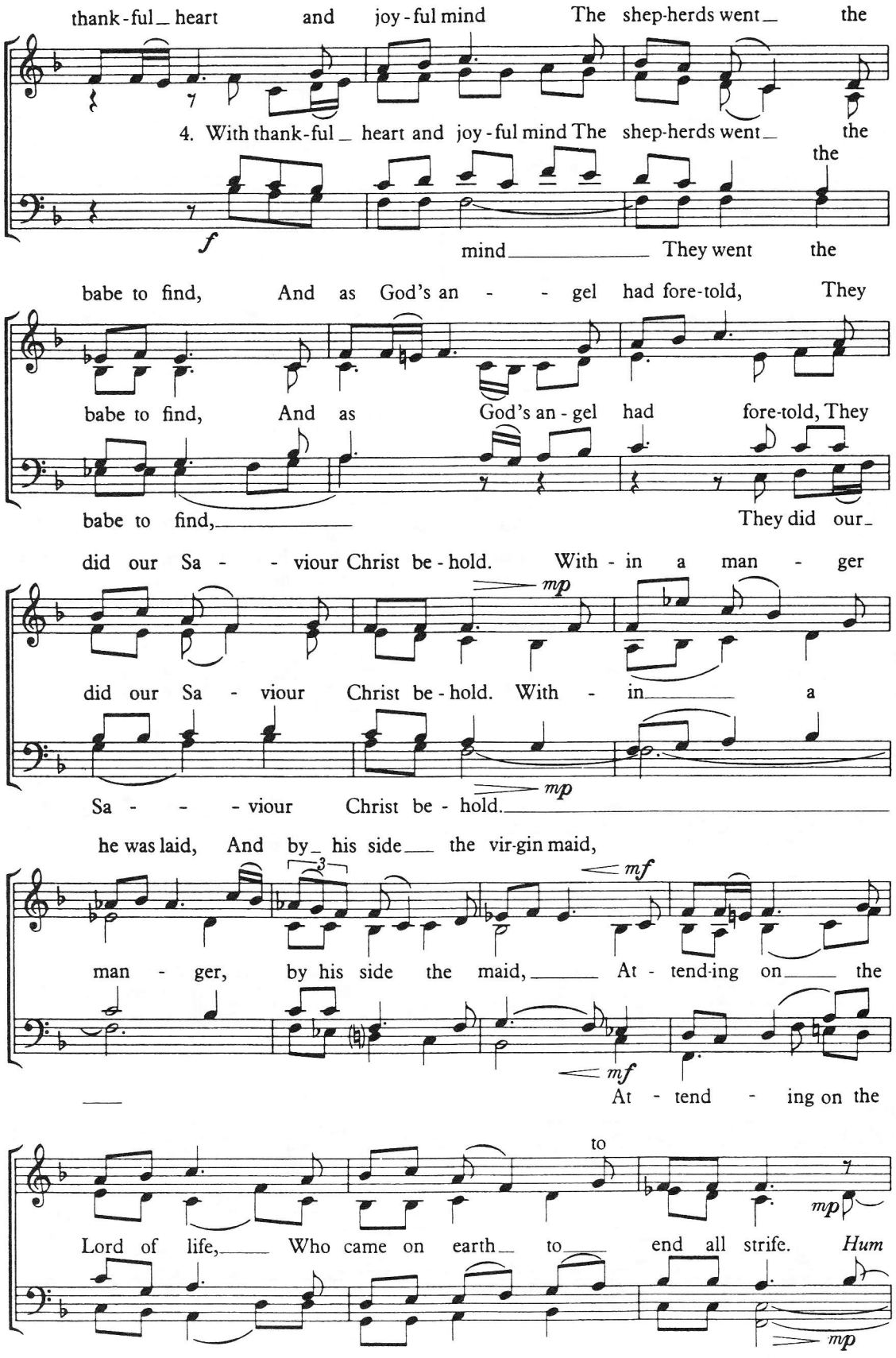
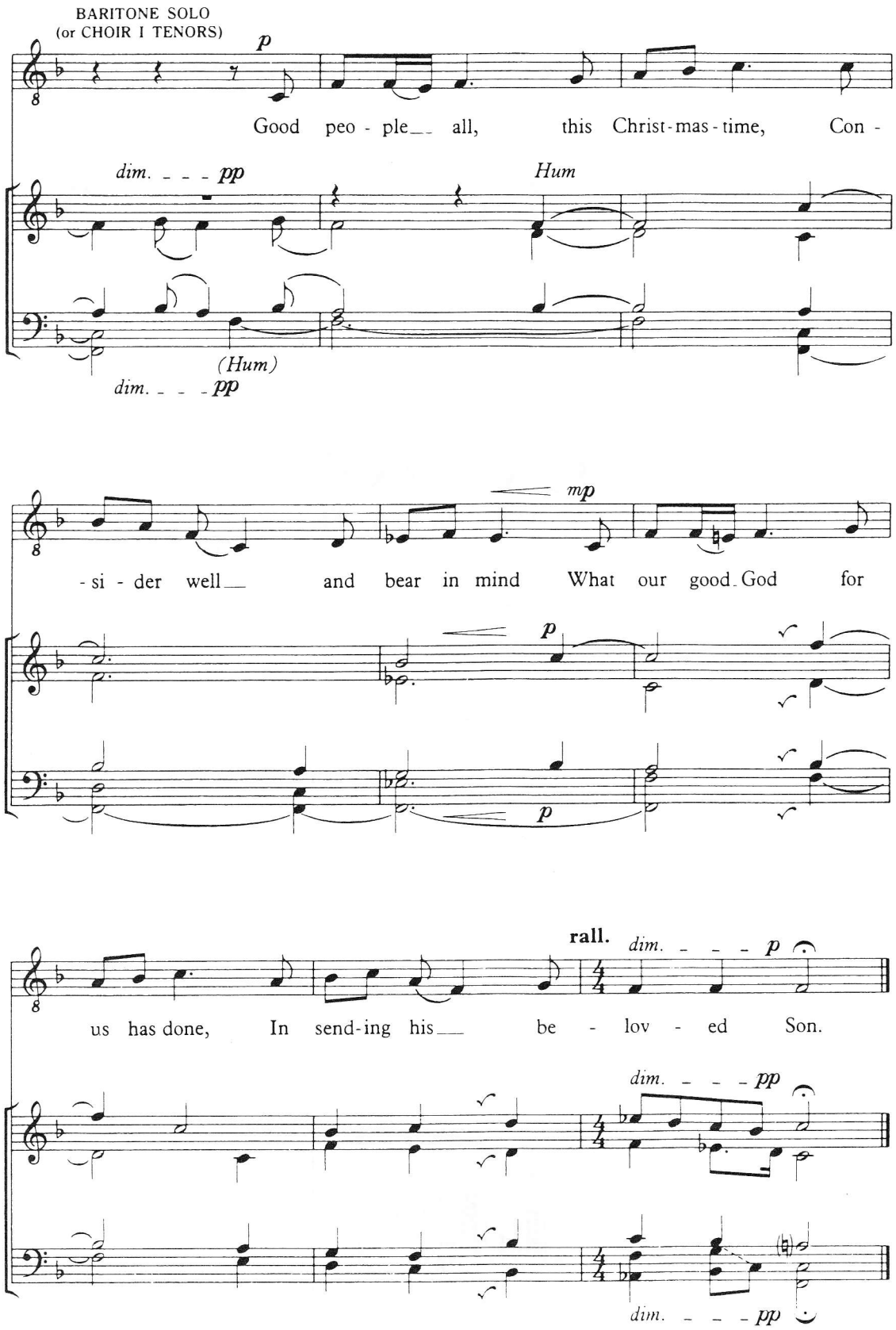

CHOIR I
Verse 2: SOPRANOS (and ALTOS)
Verse 3: TENORS (and BASSES)
mf dolce
- si - ah born.
2. The night be - fore that
3. Near Beth - le - hem did
p sempre legato
CHOIR II
Aw
2. Aw
3. Ah
hap - py tide The no - ble Vir - gin and her guide Were
shep-herds keep Their flocks of lambs and feed - ing sheep; To
long time seek - ing up and down To find a lodg - ing
whom God's an - gels did ap - pear, Which put the shep - herds


mp
in the town. But mark how all things came to pass: From
in great fear. 'Pre - pare and go', the an - gels said, 'To -
dim.
più p
Aw
Ah
dim.
più p
Aw
Ah
3
mf
ev - 'ry door re - pell'd, a - las! As long fore - told, their
Beth - le - hem, be not a - fraid; For there you'll find, this
Aw
Ah
poco cresc.
p
Aw
Ah
Aw
Ah
poco cresc.
p
Aw
Ah
1
D.S.
2
re - fuge all Was but an hum - ble ox - en stall.
hap - py morn, A prince - ly babe, sweet Je - sus born.'
4. With
f
Ah
CHOIRS
I and II


thank-ful_ heart and joy-ful mind The shep-herds went_ the
4. With thank-ful_ heart and joy-ful mind The shep-herds went_ the
the
f
mind_____ They went the
babe to find, And as God's an - - gel had fore-told, They
babe to find, And as God's an-gel had fore-told, They
babe to find,_____ They did our_
did our Sa - - viour Christ be-hold. With-in a man - ger
mp
did our Sa - viour Christ be-hold. With - in_____ a
mp
Sa - - - viour Christ be - hold._____
he was laid, And by_ his side___ the vir-gin maid,
3
mf
man - ger, by his side the maid,_____ At - tend-ing on_____ the
mf
___ At - tend - ing on the
to
mp
Lord of life,_____ Who came on earth_ to_____ end all strife. Hum
mp


BARITONE SOLO
(or CHOIR I TENORS)
p
Good peo - ple all, this Christ-mas-time, Con -
dim. pp
Hum
(Hum)
dim. pp
mp
- si - der well and bear in mind What our good God for
p
p
rall.
dim. p
us has done, In send-ing his be - lov - ed Son.
dim. pp
dim. pp