

The Christ-Child

Text by G. K. Chesterton
(1874–1936)

For Luca Ocelli

Music by Peter Owens
(b.1960)

Andante piacevole ♩ = 44 *p*

Solo Tenor: The Christ-child lay on

Soprano: *p* Lul - ly, lul - lay; lul - ly, lul - lay. *ppp* Mmm

Alto: *p* Lul - ly, lul - lay; lul - ly, lul - lay. *ppp* Mmm

Tenor: *p* Lul - ly, lul - lay; lul - ly, lul - lay. *ppp* Mmm

Bass: *p* Lul - la, lul - lay; lul - la - lay. *ppp* Mmm

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Solo: Ma - ry's lap, His hair was like a light.

S: *mp* (O wea - ry, wea - ry

A: *mp* (O wea - ry, wea - ry

T: *mp* (O wea - ry, wea - ry

B: *mp* (O wea - ry, wea - ry

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S were the world, But here is all a - right.) Lul-ly, lul-lay; *p*

A were the world, But here is all a - right.) Lul-ly, lul-lay; *p*

T were the world, But here is all a - right.) Lul-ly, lul-lay; *p*

B were the world, But here is all a - right.) Lul - la, lul - lay; *p*

12 *mp*

Solo The Christ-child lay on Ma-ry's breast, His hair was like a star. —

S lul - ly, lul-lay. *pp* Ng* *mf* (O

A lul - ly, lul-lay. *pp* Ng* *mf* (O

T lul - ly, lul-lay. *pp* Ng* *mf* (O

B lul - la-lay. *pp* Ng* *mf* (O

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17 *mp*

S stern and cun-ning are the kings, But here the true hearts are.) Lul-ly, lullay; *mp*

A stern and cun-ning are the kings, But here the true hearts are.) Lul-ly, lullay; *mp*

T stern and cun-ning are the kings, But here the true hearts are.) Lul-ly, lullay; *mp*

B stern and cun-ning are the kings, But here the true hearts are.) Lul - la, lul-lay; *mp*

22 *mp*

Solo *mp*
The Christ - child lay on Ma - ry's heart, His hair was like a fire. —

S *p* *mp*
lul - ly, lul - lay. Ooo (O

A *p* *mp*
lul - ly, lul - lay. Ooo (O

T *p* *mp*
lul - ly, lul - lay. Ooo (O

B *p* *mp*
lul - la - lay. Ooo (O

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S wea, ry, wea - ry is the world, But here the world's de -

A wea - ry, wea - ry is the world, But here the world's de -

T wea - ry, wea - ry is the world, But here the world's de -

B wea - ry, wea - ry is the world, But here the world's de -

30 *mf*

Solo *mf*
The Christ - child stood at

S *p* *mp*
-sire.) Lul - ly, lul - lay; lul - ly, lul - lay. Oh

A *p* *mp*
-sire.) Lul - ly, lul - lay; lul - ly, lul - lay. Oh

T *p* *mp*
-sire.) Lul - ly, lul - lay; lul - ly, lul - lay. Oh

B *p* *mp*
-sire.) Lul - la, lul - lay; lul - la - lay. Oh

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Solo

Ma - ry's knee, His hair was like a crown,

S *mf* And

A *mf* And

T *mf* And

B *mf* And

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S all the flowers looked up at him, And all the stars looked

A all the flowers looked up at him, And all the stars looked

T all the flowers looked up at him, And all the stars looked

B all the flowers looked up at him, And all the stars looked

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Solo

Lul - lay.

S *p* down. Mmm, ah.

A *p* down. Mmm, ah.

T *p* down. Mmm, ah.

B *p* down. Mmm, ah.