

## SONG OF THE NEWBORN KING

for Cantor, Assembly, SATB Choir  
with Keyboard, Woodwinds, Trumpet, Percussion & Guitar

TONY BARR

In the deep of winter night,  
the wind blows cold, the stars shine bright.  
The shepherds wake; they see a light,  
and come to worship the new-born king.

Wise men three from lands afar  
are guided by the ancient star.  
With gold and frankincense and myrror,  
they come to worship the newborn king.

Young and old, now gathered  
with princes, kings from all the earth,  
Their lives they bring their gifts  
and come to worship the newborn king.

Raise your voice in joyful song,  
your harmony both sweet and strong.  
Give thanks to God this happy day,  
and celebrate the newborn King.

This is a journey song, about seekers of light. The Christmas Nativity Narratives tell of two journeys. The Shepherds in the fields surround Bethlehem see a great light, accompanied by angelic choirs (*Sky People*, in Huron cosmology). And the Astrologi, from the East, see the light of a great star (*comet?*), which they followed in quest of enlightenment. They journeyed from the East for wisdom, healing and enlightenment.

The song relates these two biblical journeys to our own. In verse three, we join their celebratory journey. Yet this journey goes beyond celebration. It embraces the entire response of humanity to the astronomical wonders of our solar cycle and the endless stars, far distant solar systems, and galaxies, nebulae, super novae, the vast cosmological wonders laid open by the astrophysicists. Since the dawn of time, the primitive peoples of this planet held their heads and gazed with awe, tinted with fear, at the vastness of space in which they floated. They saw a great orb enshrouded in blue.

These responses were the roots of their religious practices, based on the solar cycle of solstices, equinoxes and eclipses. From these roots, many religions emerged, building on those pagan practices which they assumed into their story of birth, resurrection, life and teachings, and birth of the Messiah, Jesus. But for us, this is the beginning of a journey which began so long ago. We too follow the light, not in a boxed static way, but beyond the walls of institutional religions, but beyond the walls which often restrain us, so that we may be drawn out and follow the infinite possibilities of our imagination. For Christians, was it not Jesus who said time and again in the Gospels, 'Come follow me', and in the Book of Revelation, 'I make all things new'?

- Tony Barr

# Song Of The New-born King

Full Score

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Choral Score .....8

Basic Score .....11

Basic Score in E minor .....15

Vocal Score .....19.

VERSES 1 + 3 ♩ = 64 *sempre misterioso*

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Woodwind (flutes, recorders)

Tuned percussion (glockenspiel, bells, synthesizer)

Cantor

SATB

Guitar

Bsus6

B7sus6+2

Bsus6

The musical score consists of five staves. The top staff is for Woodwind (flutes, recorders), the second for Tuned percussion (glockenspiel, bells, synthesizer), the third for Cantor, the fourth for SATB, and the fifth for Guitar. The key signature is E major (three sharps). The time signature is 6/8. The score includes musical notation with clefs, key signatures, and time signatures. The guitar part includes chord symbols: Bsus6, B7sus6+2, and Bsus6.

**SAMPLE**

1. In the deep of win - ter night, the wind blows cold, the  
3. Young and old, now greet this birth, prin - ces, gifts from

1. stars shine the shep - herds wake; they see a light, and  
3. all the earth Their lives they bring, their gifts of worth, and

*rall.* All

*rall.*

Chords: F#m, F#m7, B/F#, F#m, F#m/E, B7/D#, F#m7, Emaj7, D, C#sus2

to Verses 2 + 4

VERSE 2

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "come to wor-ship the new-born king." and "2. Wise men from three lands a-far are guid-ed by the ooh". The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, notes, rests, and bar lines. A large, diagonal watermark reading "SAMPLE" is overlaid across the entire page.

*a tempo*

*a tempo*

come to wor-ship the new-born king.

*a tempo*

F#m B F#m Bsus6 Bsus6 7sus6+2 Bsus6

*a tempo*

13

Cantor

2. Wise men from three lands a-far are guid-ed by the ooh

F#m B/F# F#m F#m7

16

*rall.*

an - cient star. With gold and frank - in - cense and myrrh, they

oooh

F#m B/F# F#m7 Emaj7 D C#sus2

*rall.*

Verse 3 VERSE 4

19

*a tempo*

come to wor-ship new - born king.

B F#m B B7sus6 Bsus6 B7sus6+2 Bsus6

*a tempo*

*8vb* *8vb*

23

4. Raise your voice in joyful song, our harmony both

F# F#maj7 B+2/F# Bmaj F#/A#

26

26

rall.

, All

sweet and strong. Thanks to God this happy morn, and

G#m7 C# F#m7 Emaj7 D C#

rall.

*a tempo*

29

*a tempo* come to wor - ship the new born King.

D Bm7 F#m7 B

*a tempo*

**CODA**

31 B7sus6 Bsus6 F#sus6 Bsus6+2 F#m+2

*rit.*

8<sup>vb</sup>- - 1 8<sup>vb</sup>- - 1

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part includes a bass line with octaves and chords. The lyrics are: "come to worship the new born King." The score ends with a CODA section marked "rit." (ritardando) and "8<sup>vb</sup>- - 1".

**SAMPLE**

# Song Of The New-born King

*In The Deep Of Winter Night - Choral Score*

music & text **Tony Barr**

VERSES 1 + 3 ♩ = 64 *sempre misterioso*

1. In the deep of win - ter night, the winds howl cold, the  
3. Young and old, now greet this birth, with princ - es, kings from

1. In the deep of win - ter night, the wind howls cold, the  
3. Young and old, now greet this birth, with princ - es, kings from  
, All  
1. In the deep of win - ter night, the shepherds who were watching their flocks  
3. Young and old, now greet this birth, with their gifts of worth, and  
*rall.*  
1. stars shine bright. They are awake; they see a light, and  
3. all the earth. They bring their gifts of worth, and

to wor - ship the new - born king.  
wor - ship the new - born king.  
to Verses 2 + 4



VERSE 2

Cantor

2. Wise men three from lands a - far and - ed the  
S  
AT ooh  
B ooh

an - cient star. With gold frank - cense and myrrh, they  
All

*a tempo* come to wor - ship the new - born king.  
*a tempo* come to wor - ship the new - born king.

SAMPLE

VERSE 4

Raise your voice in joy - ful song, your har - m - ony both

Raise your voice in joy - ful song, your har - m - ony both

sweet and strong. Give thanks to God this hap - py morn, and *rall.*

sweet and strong. Give thanks to God this hap - py morn, and

come wor - ship the new - born king.

*a tempo*

come wor - ship the new - born king.

SAMPLE

# Song Of The New-born King

*In The Deep Of Winter Night - Basic Score*

music & text Tony Barr

VERSES 1 + 3 ♩. = 64 *sempre misterioso*

1. In the deep — of winter night,  
3. Young and old, — now greet his birth with

1. In — of win — ter night, the  
3. Young and — now greet his birth, with

B7sus6 Bsus6 B7sus6+2 Bsus6 F#m F#m7 B/F# F#m

1. wind blows cold, — the shep - herds wake; they see a light, and  
3. prin - ces, kings from all the earth. Their lives — they bring, their gifts of worth, —  
*rall.*

1. wind blows — the shep - herds wake; they see a light, — and  
3. prin - ces, kings from the earth. Their lives — they bring, their gifts of worth, and

F#m/E C#m F#m7 Emaj7 D C#sus2

*rall.*

to Verses 2 + 4

VERSE 2

come to wor - ship the new - born king.

*a tempo*

come to wor - ship the new - born king.

*a tempo*

F#m B F#m B Bsus6 B7sus Bsus6

Cantor

Wise men three from lands a - d - ed by the an - cient star. With

oooh ooh

F#m B/F# F#m F#m7 F#m B/F#

All

to Verse 3

gold and frank - in - cense and myrrh, they come to wor - ship the new - born king,

ooh they come to wor - ship the new - born king.

*rall.* *a tem*

F#m7 Emaj7 D C#sus2 B B

VERSE 4

se your voice in joy - ful song, your

Raise your voice in joy - ful song, your

B7sus6 Bsus6 B7sus6 B7sus6 F# F#maj7 B+2/F# C#

SAMPLE

har - mo - ny — both sweet and strong. Give thanks to God for this

har - mo - ny — both sweet and strong. Give thanks to God for this

Bmaj7 F#/A# G#m7 C# F#m7 Emaj7

, All  
hap - py morn, and wor - ship the new - born king.  
*rall.*

hap - py morn, wor - ship the new - born king.

D D Bm7 F#m7 B

*rall.* *a tempo*

ODA  
B7sus6 B7sus6+2 Bsus6 B7sus6 Bsus6+2 F#m+2

*rit.*

8vb--- 8vb---

# Song Of The New-born King

*In The Deep Of Winter Night - Basic Score in E minor*

VERSES 1+3 ♩ = 64 *sempre misterioso*

music by Tony Barr

1. In the deep — of winter night, the  
 3. Young and old, — now greet this birth, with

1. In the — of win — ter night, the  
 3. Young and old, — greet — this birth, with

1. wind blows cold, — the — shep — herds wake; they see a light, — and  
 3. prin — ces, kings from all — the earth. Their lives — they bring, their gifts of worth,

1. wind blows cold, — the — sta — ment. The shep — herds wake; they see a light, and  
 3. prin — ces, king — dom — the earth. Their lives — they bring, their gifts of worth,

*rall.*

to Verses 2 + 4

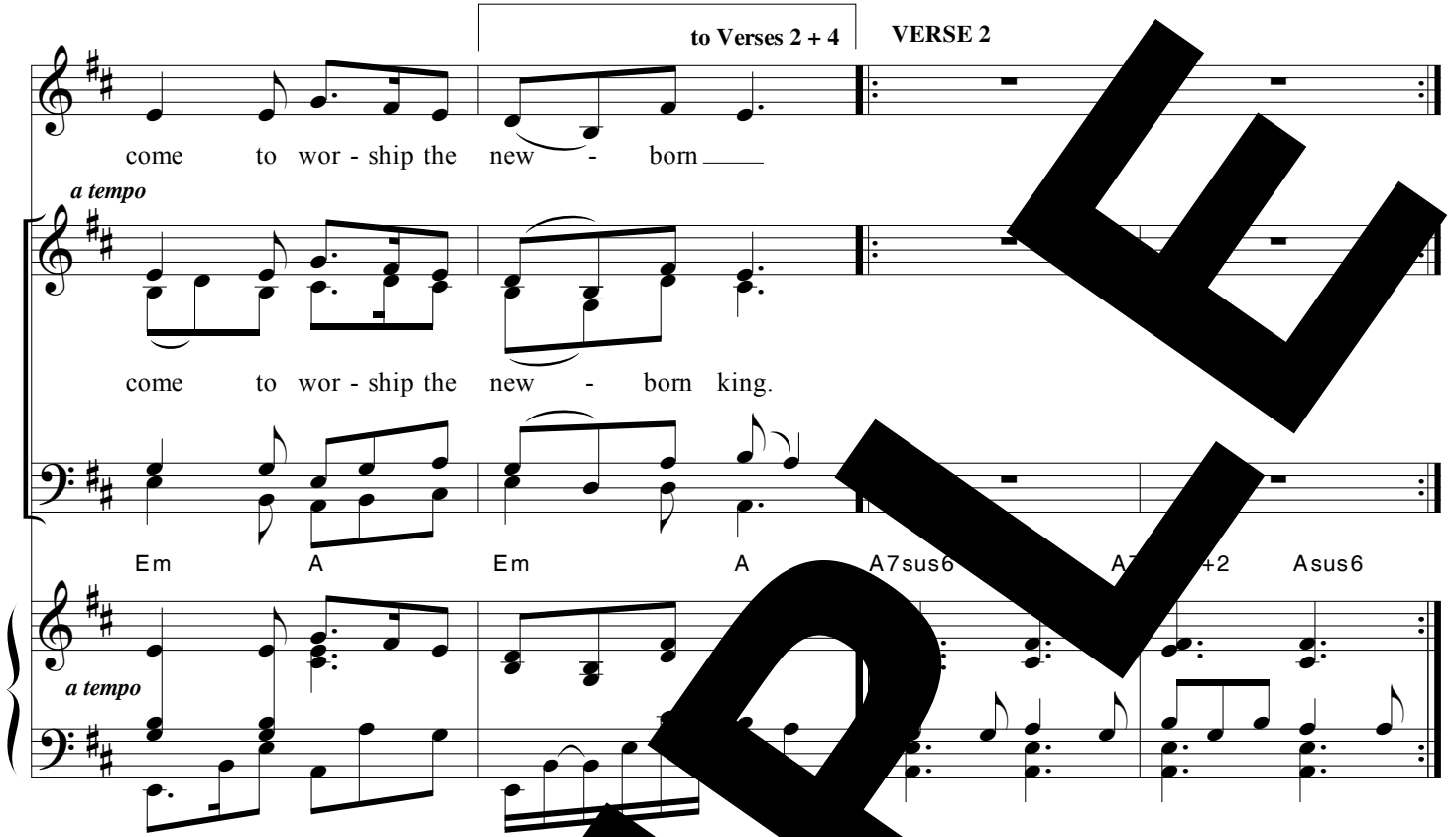
VERSE 2

come to wor - ship the new - born

*a tempo*

come to wor - ship the new - born king.

Em A Em A A7sus6 A7sus6+2 Asus6



Cantor

Wise men three from the east a - fairs are guided by the an - cient star. With

S  
AT ooh ooh

B

Em Em7 A/E Em Em7 Em A/E





All to Verse 3

gold and frank - in - cense and myrrh, they come to wor - ship the new - born king.

*a tempo*

ooh they come to wor - ship the new - born king.

Em7 Dmaj7 C Bsus2 F A E7 A

*rall.* *a tempo*

VERSE 4

... your voice in joy - ful song, your

Raise your voice in joy - ful song, your

A7sus6 Asus6 Asus6 F# F#maj7 B+2/F# C#

har - mo - ny — both sweet and strong. Give thanks to this

har - mo - ny — both sweet and strong. Give thanks to this

Bmaj7 F#/A# G#m7 C# F#m7 Emaj7

, All  
hap - py morn, and a ter - ship the new - born king.  
*rall.* a tempo

hap - py morn, a ter - ship the new - born king.

D C# Bm7 F#m7 B

*rall.* a tempo

A B7sus6 B7sus6+2 Bsus6 B7sus6 Bsus6+2 F#m+2

*rit.*

8vb-- 8vb--

# Song Of The New-born King

*In The Deep Of Winter Night - Vocal Score*

music by Tony Barr

VERSES 1 - 3 ♩ = 64 *sempre misterioso*



1. In the deep of win - ter night  
2. Wise men three from lands a - far  
3. Young and old, now greet this birth, with



1. wind blows cold, the stars bring The  
2. guid - ed by the clear With  
3. prin - ces, kings from all the ch. Their  
*rall.* All

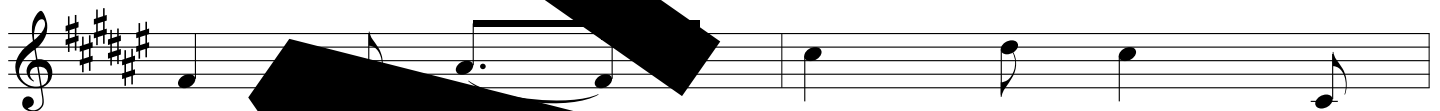


1. shep - herds wake; they see a light, and  
2. gold and frank in - ce and myrrh, they  
3. lives they bring their gifts of worth, and



1. come to wor - ship the new - born king.  
2. come to wor - ship the new - born king.  
3. come to wor - ship the new - born king.

VERSE 4



4. Raise your voice in joy - ful song, your



voice - both sweet and strong. *rall.* Give



thanks to God this hap - py morn, and



come to wor - ship the new - born king.

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