

For Dr. Mark Bangert and the Bach for the Sem Choir and Orchestra,  
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# Star Carol

SATB and Organ

I: Flute 8'  
II: Strings 8'  
Ped: Soft 16', 8'

Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius;  
Tr. Edward Caswall, *alt.*

Robert A. Hobby

**Expressively** (♩ = ca. 102)

Organ

II } *mp legato*

Ped.

*poco rit.*

9

*a tempo*  
*mp Unison*

S  
A

Earth has man - y a no - ble cit - y; Beth - l'em, thou dost

*a tempo*

Man.

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*Div.*

all ex - cel: Out of thee the Lord from

20

*with forward movement*

heav - en Came to rule his Is - ra - el.

*with forward movement*

Ped.

**A**

26

*mf*

S  
A Fair - er than the sun at morn - ing Was the star that

T  
B *mf*

32 *slightly broaden*

S A told his birth, To the world its God an - nounc - ing

T B

38 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

S A Seen in flesh - ly form on earth.

T B Seen in flesh - ly form, flesh - ly form on earth.

Seen in flesh - ly form on earth. *poco rit.* *a tempo*

(Organ) *poco rit.* *a tempo* I *mf*

II *mp*

Ped.

44 *poco rit.*

(Organ)

Man.

50 *a tempo* *mf* Unison

T B East - ern sag - es at his cra - dle Make ob - la - tions

*a tempo* (I)

*mp* I

*Div.*

56

rich and rare; See them give, in deep— de -

61

*with forward movement*

vo - tion, Gold and frank - in - cense and myrrh.

Ped.

**B**

67

*mf*

S  
A  
Sa - cred gifts of mys - tic mean - ing: In - cense

T  
B  
*mf*

+ 4' Stops

72

doth — their God — dis - close, — Gold — the King — of

77

*slightly broaden* *mp* Myrrh his sep - ul - chre *poco rit.* fore -  
 kings — pro - claim - eth, Myrrh *mp* his sep - ul - chre, sep - ul - chre — fore -  
*slightly broaden* *mp* Myrrh his sep - ul - chre *poco rit.* fore -  
*slightly broaden* - 4' Stops *poco rit.*

83

*a tempo* shows. *poco rit.* *freely p* May — we lift our  
 shows. *a tempo* *poco rit.* *p* *freely*  
*a tempo* *poco rit.* *freely*  
 Man.

89

S  
A

eyes— in won - der, See thy star— and wor - ship thee;—

T  
B

95 *mp*

May— the na - tions sing— re - joic - ing, Of - fer

*mf*

*mp*

100

with forward movement **f** Unison

praise— on bend - ed knee. Je - sus, whom the

with forward movement **f** Unison

with forward movement

(Organ) + Pr. 8'; + 4' Stops I } *mp* *mf*

Ped.

106

Gen - tiles wor - shiped At thy glad E - piph - a -

111 *broaden* *Div.* *ff* *f*

ny, Un - to thee, — with God — the Fa - ther And the

*broaden* *Div.* *ff* *f*

*broaden* + Rds. *f*

117 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

Spir - it glo - ry be.

*poco rit.* *a tempo*

*poco rit.* *a tempo*

- Rds., Pr. 8',  
- large 4' stops

I *mf* *mp*

123 *slowing to the end* *Unison mp* *pp*

Glo - ry be.

*slowing to the end* *Unison mp* *pp*

II *Fl. Celeste only*

*slowing to the end* *p* *pp*

+ 32'

