

The Birth of a King

An Advent/Christmas Suite

SAB with narration, opt. soloists, congregation and instrumental ensemble

Narration by
Jean Anne Shafferman

Music by
Joseph M. Martin
and **Lloyd Larson**

Opening Hymn (Optional - Choir and Congregation)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

(please see page 28 for reproducible hymn page)

- Reader 1:** Wait on the Lord! Be of good courage! The Lord is good to those who seek Him and wait quietly for His salvation. (*Psalm 27:14; Lamentations 3:25-26*)
- Reader 2:** We wait for the Lord and find hope in His Word. We look to the Lord and find strength in the God of our salvation. (*Psalm 130:5; Isaiah 40:31a; Micah 7:7*)
- Reader 3:** Prepare the way of the Lord! In the desert, prepare a highway for our God. (*Isaiah 40:7*)
- Reader 4:** A highway will be there, and it will be called the Holy Way. By this road, the ransomed of the Lord will return to Zion with singing and everlasting joy. (*Isaiah 35:8a, 10*)

Congregation: We wait for the God of our salvation; God will hear our prayers.

Words by
J. Paul Williams

1. Waiting for a King

Music by
Joseph M. Martin

① Moderately ♩ = ca. 84

The musical score is in 3/4 time and begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The first system shows the piano accompaniment with a treble and bass clef. The second system, starting at measure 6, includes vocal lines for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) with the lyrics: "Wait - ing for a King; when will He come?". The piano accompaniment continues below the vocal lines.

□ indicates CD track number.

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11 SA

B p

Wait - ing for a King; God's ho - ly One.

15 *mp*

Will the world be read - y?

mp

Is His ad-vent near?

19 2 *p*

Wait - ing for a King; when will He ap - pear? In the

p

23 *mf*

full - ness of time___ the Prince of Peace___ will come,___ the___

mf

27 *mp*

prom - ised Mes - si - ah, God's_cho - sen___ One._____ For

mp

32 *mp*

those who are righ - teous, hope will be re - stored. Their *mp*

mp

36 *cresc. poco a poco*

eyes will be o - pened, eyes will be o - pened, eyes will be

cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

41

o - pened, they will know the Lord.

f

f

46

mp

3