

SONG OF THE STABLE

Words by
Timothy Dudley-Smith

Tune: PRIOR LAKE
by David Haas

Gently, peacefully ♩ = 92

Introduction

Verses 1 and 2

5

mp

1. Chill of the night - fall, Lamps in the win - dows,
2. Si - lence of mid - night, Voic - es of an - gels,

9

mp

Let - ting their light fall night Clear on the snow;
Sing - ing to bid night Yield to the dawn;

A part for C Instrument is available separately from the publisher, G-5218INST.

Notes: This Christmastide song is a setting of a beautiful poem by Timothy Dudley-Smith. It is a meditative piece, effective for Christmastide liturgies, concerts or other gatherings during the season. Vocally, the performance must be sensitive, with special attention given to communicating the power of the text. The instrumentation should be kept sparse and not call attention to itself. The unison verses may be sung by soloists or by sections of the choir, and the instrumental verse is optional. The entire hymn may also be sung by the assembly. The recording offers a good model for performance.

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13 Em Am E7 Am *mf* 3

Bit - ter De - cem - ber Bids us re - mem - ber
Dark - ness is end - ed, Sin - ners be - friend - ed,

17 Am/G F C/E Dm7/G G

Christ in the sta - ble Long, long a -
Where in the sta - ble Je - sus is

21 C CSUS4 C *mf* CSUS4

go.
born.

25 Verse 3 Cmaj7 Am Fmaj7

3. Splen - dor of star - light High on the hill - side, Faint is the