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O Gift of Glorious Sunrise (SATB)



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O GIFT OF GLORIOUS SUNRISE

for SATB choir

PROGRAM NOTE

This lyrical carol imagines sunrise on the first Christmas morning. It was premiered in 2015 by the Vocális Chamber in Buffalo, New York.

DURATION

approx. 3.5 minutes

TEXT

(words by the composer)

Today dawned cold so long ago,
As dark gave way to light,
All slept; the earth was quiet.
Today emerged from night.

On a bed of russet hay,
As Mary dreamed,
A small baby opened wide his eyes
To streaks of red and rosy rays
Skating 'cross the wintry skies.
Christmas Day!

The stable stirred; the world awoke.
Sunlight graced the earth.
A golden day,
Day of a holy birth.

Today dawns cold on land, sand and sea.
Children open wide their eyes
To streaks of rose, a painted sky.
O gift of glorious sunrise!
Golden Christmas Day!

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Slowly ♩ = 80

pp

Soprano
To - day dawned cold so long a - go as

Alto
To - day dawned cold so long a - go as

Tenor
To - day dawned cold so long a - go as

Bass
To - day dawned cold so long a - go as

Piano (for rehearsal only)

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S
dark gave way to light. All

A
dark gave way to light. All

T
Dark gave way to light. All

B
dark gave way to light. All

Piano

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2

9 *mp*

S slept; the earth was qui - et, To - day e - merged from

A slept; the earth was qui - et, To - day e - merged from

T slept; the earth was qui - et, To - day e - merged from

B slept; the earth was qui - et, To - day e - merged from

mp

13 *p* *mp*

S night. Loo loo loo loo loo loo as Mar - y

A night. Loo, as Mar - y

T night. Loo loo loo loo, as Mar - y

B night. On a bed of rus-set hay, as Mar - y

p *mp*

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17 *mf*

S dreamed, a ba - by o - pened wide his

A dreamed, a small ba - by o - pened wide his

T dreamed, Ba - by o - pened wide his

B dreamed, Ba - by o - pened wide his

21

S eyes to streaks of red and ros - y rays.

A eyes to streaks of red, and ros - y rays,

T eyes. Streaks of red and ros - y

B eyes, Streaks of red and ros - y

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4

25

S Skat-ing 'cross the win - try skies, Christ - mas Day! The *p*

A A - cross the win - try skies, Christ - mas Day! The *p*

T rays. Skat-ing 'cross win - try Christ - mas Day! The *p*

B rays. Skat-ing 'cross the win - try skies, Christ - mas Day! The *p*

29

S stab - le stirred, the world a - woke.

A stab - le stirred, the world a - woke.

T stab - le stirred, the world a - woke.

B stab - le stirred, the world a - woke.

33

S
Sun - light graced the earth. A

A
Sun - light graced the earth. A

T
Sun - light graced the earth. A

B
Sun - light graced the earth. A

37

S
gold - en day! Day of a hol - y

A
gold - en day! Day of a hol - y

T
gold - en day! Day of a hol - y

B
gold - en day! Day of a hol - y

mf

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6

41

S *p* birth. Loo loo loo loo *mp* loo loo, on land, sand and

A *p* birth. Loo loo, on land, sand and *mp*

T *p* birth. Loo loo loo loo, on land, sand and *mp*

B *mp* birth. To - day dawns cold on land, sand and

45

S *p* sea, Child - ren *mf* o - pen wide their

A *p* sea, Child - ren *mf* o - pen, o - pen wide their

T *p* sea, Child - ren *mf* o - pen wide

B *p* sea, Child - ren *mf* o - pen wide

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S eyes to streaks of rose, a paint - ed sky. *f*

A eyes to streaks of rose, a paint - ed sky. *f*

T eyes. Streaks of rose, a paint - ed *f*

B eyes. Streaks of rose, a paint - ed *f*

53 *mf* *molto rall.* **Adagio** *f*

S O gift of glor - ious sun rise! Gold - en Christ - mas Day! *f*

A O gift of glor - ious sun - rise, Gol - den Day! *f*

T sky. O gift of sun - rise! Gold - en Christ - mas Day! *f*

B sky. O glor - ious, gold - en Christ - mas Day! *f*

molto rall. **Adagio**