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An indomitable sense of hope, and unvarnished sorrow, permeate each line and melody of these unforgettable songs- forged in the anvil of abject misery and despair, aching for freedom's light.

Humiliated beyond all human reckoning, and given no respite from the daily drudgery of endless toil- these fiercely resilient souls somehow persevered, despite the harshest obstacles- leaving behind a true golden legacy of words and music to cherish.

In his famous autobiography, Frederick Douglass wrote:

"Slaves sing most when they are most unhappy. The songs of the slave represent the sorrows of his heart; and he is relieved by them, only as an aching heart is relieved by its tears."

I am deeply honored to present these musical footprints of my proud ancestors- and hope that by singing them, we pause to remember the undaunted courage and grit of the men and women who originally composed them.

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for Martin David Connor
Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Arr. Michal Dawson Connor

Trebles

Baritone solo

Piano

$\text{♩} = 55$

f

ff



Treb.

Bar. solo

Pno.

$\text{♩} = 55$

p

mf

Ooh, ooh, ooh,

p sub.

mf



9

Treb.

Bar. solo

p semplice

Sweet_____ lit-tle Je - sus boy. we made you be born in a man - ger.

Pno.

p

3

13

Treb.

Bar. solo

mf

Sweet, sweet

Sweet lit-tle ho - ly child, we did-n't know who you was. Sweet lit-tle

Pno.

mf

17

Treb.

Bar. solo

mf

p sub.

Je - sus born in a man- ger, sweet sweet

Je - sus boy, they made you be born in a man - ger. Sweet lit - tle

Pno.

21

Treb.

Bar. solo

Pno.

Ho - ly Child did - n't know did - n't know

Ho - ly Child, we did - n't know who you was.

24

Treb.

Bar. solo

Pno.

Did - n't know you come to save us, Lord, to take our sins a - way, our

26

Treb.

Bar. solo

Pno.

our eyes was blind, we could not see.

f.

dolce

eyes was blind we could not see. We did - n't know who you was.

29

Treb.

Bar. solo *con forza*

The world treats you mean Lord, treats me mean

Pno.

33

Treb.

Bar. solo rit.

too but that's how things is down here. We didn't know who you rit.

Pno.

37

Treb. *dolce*

Sweet, sweet, Je - sus.

Bar. solo is. Born 'long time a - go.

Pno.

41

Treb.

Sweet, sweet Ho - ly Child. did-n't know Ooh,

Bar. solo

Sweet lit - tle Ho - ly Child we did-n't know who you was. Ooh,

Pno.

45

Treb.

ooh, ooh,

Bar. solo

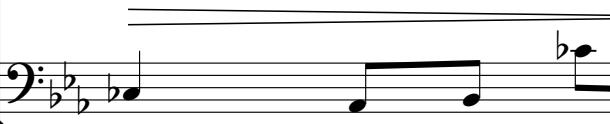
ooh, ooh,

Pno.

molto rit.

47

Treb.  *pp*

Bar. solo  *pp*

Pno.  *dolce* *3* *3* *pp* *3* *mf*

ooh. _____
ooh, _____ did - n't know.

molto rit.

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