

(SATB version) To the Chancel Choir of Heritage United Methodist Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
(Mark Hugh Malone, Conductor) in memory of Jackie Thornton Malone.

Love Came Down at Christmas

For TTBB* Choir, Keyboard and Optional Oboe (or C-Instrument)** ***

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HOWARD HELVEY
(ASCAP)

Slowly, expressively ♩ = ca. 52
+ Ob. ****
mp legato

The musical score is presented in three systems. The first system shows the piano introduction in 4/4 time, with a tempo of ca. 52. The piano part is marked *mp legato*. The vocal part (TB units) enters in the second system, marked *mp*. The lyrics are: "Love came down at Christmas, love all love-ly, love di-". The score includes piano accompaniment in both hands and vocal lines for Tenors and Basses. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature changes from 4/4 to 2/4 in the second system and remains 2/4 for the rest of the page. There are performance markings such as "1", "2", "3", "4", and "5" indicating specific notes or measures. A large diagonal watermark "Preview Copy - Not For Performance" is overlaid on the score.

- * Also available for SATB Choir (BP1784) and SSA Choir (within the collection *SSA Howard Helvey: Christmas*, CC14).
- ** The Oboe (C-Instrument) part is on page 10.
- *** Full orchestration, by Stephen Main, is available for purchase (BP2053A).
- **** Play cue-sized notes only in absence of Oboe or C-Instrument.

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vine; love was born at

7 8

Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the

9 10

sign; star and an - gels gave the

mf *mp* *poco rit.*

11 12 13

sign.

a tempo *p* *+ Ob.* *p a tempo*

14 15

TENOR *mp*

Love came down at Christ - mas,

BASS *mel. mp*

-Ob.

mp

16 17

love all love - ly, love di - vine;

18 19

love was born at Christ - mas:

20 21

mel. *mf*
 star and an - gels gave the sign;
div. *mf*
mf star and an-gels gave the

mp *poco rit.* *p a tempo*
 star and an - gels gave the sign.
mp *poco rit.* *p a tempo*
mp sign;
poco rit. *p a tempo* + Ob.

div. P

Wor-ship we — the God-head, love in-car-nate, love di-

mel. div. P

29 30 31

vine; — wor-ship we — our Je - sus,

32 33 34

mel. mp

but where-with for sa - cred sign?;

mp

mp

35 36

mf

but where - with for sa - cred sign?

mf

mel.

- Ob. + Ob.

mf

37 38 39 4

sub. mp

40 41 2

rit. *a tempo f unis.*

Love shall be our

rit. *a tempo f unis.*

mf rit. e cresc. *f a tempo*

42 43

to - ken; love be yours and love be

44 45

mine, love to God and neigh - bor,

46 47 48

poco rit. e cresc. *più f a tempo*
 love for plea and gift and sign;

poco rit. e cresc. *più f a tempo*

poco rit. e cresc. *più f a tempo*

49 50

meno mosso mp div.

love for

meno mosso mp mel. div.

rit. e dim.

p a tempo

plea and gift — and sign.

rit. e dim.

p a tempo

rit. e dim.

p a tempo

molto rit.

molto rit.

molto rit.

51

52

53

54

55

56

4

Sub

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31

34

mp

37

mf

40

sub. mp

42

mf rit. e cresc. *f a tempo*

45

47

poco rit.

50

a tempo più f *rit.* *meno mosso mp*

53

rit. *a tempo p* *molto rit.*

The Choral Music of **Howard Helvey**

L-Z

Let Your Alleluias Rise! (BP1447)	SATB
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (BP2048)	SATB
Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace (BP1737)	SATB
Love Came Down at Christmas (BP1784)	SATB
Love Came Down at Christmas (BP2053)	TTBB
Medley of the Cross (BP1428)	SATB
My Lord, What a Mornin' (BP1461)	SATB
Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen (BP1557)	SATB
Now Thank We All Our God (BP1464)	SATB
O Breath of Life (BP1516)	SATB
O Jesus, I Have Promised (BP1471)	SATB
O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done (BP1472)	SATB
Oh, Peter, Go Ring Dem Bells (BP1511)	SATB
On Christmas Night All Christians Sing (BP1551)	SATB
On Christmas Night All Christians Sing (BP1780)	TTBB
On Jordan's Stormy Banks (BP1669)	SATB
Once In Royal David's City (BP1486)	Uni./2-Pt.
Ride On, King Jesus (BP1542)	SATB
Saints Bound for Heaven (BP1485)	SATB
Sing Lullaby (BP1584)	SATB
Sing We Now of Christmas (BP1462)	SATB
Snow Lay on the Ground, The (BP1575)	SA(T)B
Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child (BP1623)	SATB
Spirit of Mercy, Truth and Love (BP1588)	SATB
Steal Away (BP1682)	SATB
Steal Away (BP1850)	TTBB
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (BP1645)	SATB
There Is a Balm In Gilead (BP1517)	SATB
There Is a Fountain (BP1534)	SATB
This Little Light of Mine (BP1691)	SATB
This Little Light of Mine (BP1931)	TTBB
Time for Praying, The (BP1787)	SATB
Time to Watch, A Time to Pray, A (BP1449)	SATB
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Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day (BP1678)	TTBB
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We Enter Here This Holy Place (BP1576)	SATB
What Child Is This? (BP1432)	SATB
What Shall We Sing for the Child? (BP1693)	SATB
What Shall We Sing for the Child? (BP1781)	TTBB
When for Eternal Worlds We Steer (BP1831)	SATB