



# A Babe Is Born in Bethlehem

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For the Choir of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, Wayzata, MN

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For SATB Choir, a cappella

Trad. Latin, 13th century  
Translated by  
Hamilton Montgomerie MacGill (1876)

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Lively ♩ = c. 92-96

SA unis. *mf*

Musical notation for measures 1-4. The vocal line (SA unis. *mf*) is in 6/8 time. The lyrics are: "A Babe is born in Beth - le-hem, al - le - lu - ia. Ex -". The bass line has rests for measures 1-4.

Musical notation for measures 5-8. The vocal line continues with lyrics: "ult for joy, Je - ru - sa - lem, al le - lu - ia! There". The bass line has rests for measures 5-8. Dynamics include *f* and *TB f*.

Musical notation for measures 9-12. The vocal line continues with lyrics: "in a man - ger low - ly lies He who reigns a - bove the skies,". The bass line has chords for measures 9-12.

Musical notation for measures 13-16. The vocal line continues with lyrics: "al - le - lu - ia. The ox and ass in". The bass line has chords for measures 13-16. Dynamics include *unis. mf*.

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*mf*

neigh - b'ring stall, al - le - lu - ia. See in that Child the *unis.*

17 18 19 20

Lord of all, al - le - lu - ia! And king - ly pil - grims

21 22 23 24

*f*

long fore - told bring in - cense, myrrh, and gold.

25 26 27 28

*rit.*  
*sub. p*

*a tempo*

And en - ter with their of - fer - ings to hail the new born

29 30 31 32

*unis. f*

King of kings. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

33 34 35 36

*mf* *f*

*mp* *p* *legato*

ia. He comes, a maid - en moth - er's Son,

*mp*

37 38 39 40

*p*

al - le - lu - ia. Yet earth - ly fa - ther He hath none,

41 42 43 44

*f*

al - le - lu - ia! And from the ser - pent's poi - son free; He

45 46 47 48

*mf* *f*

owned our blood and ped - i - gree. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

*mf* *f*

49 50 51 52

*mp* *unis. f*

al - le - lu - ia. Our fee - ble flesh and

*mp* *unis. f*

53 54 55 56

His the same, al - le - lu - ia. Our sin - less kins - man

57 58 59 60

He be - came, al - le - lu - ia! That we from dead - ly

61 62 63 64

thrall set free, like Him and so like God, should be. Come then, and on this

65 66 67 68

*unis.*

fes - tive day, re - joice be - fore the Lord and pray!

69 70 71 72 73

*molto rit.* ***ff*** *a tempo*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

74 75 76 77 78

***f*** *rit.*

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