

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 SATB Choir, Keyboard and Optional Oboe (or C - Instrument)\*

Christina Rossetti

HOWARD HELVEY  
(ASCAP)

Slowly, expressively ♩ = 52

+ Ob.  
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mp *legato*

1 2 4

Detailed description: This block shows the piano introduction. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat major/D-flat minor) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Slowly, expressively' with a quarter note equal to 52 beats. The dynamics are marked 'mp' and 'legato'. The music features a flowing eighth-note accompaniment in the bass and a more melodic line in the treble. There are first, second, and fourth endings indicated by the numbers 1, 2, and 4.

SA unis. mp

Love came down \_\_\_\_\_ at

- Ob.

3 4

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is on a single treble staff, marked 'SA unis.' and 'mp'. The lyrics are 'Love came down \_\_\_\_\_ at'. The piano accompaniment continues from the previous page, with first and fourth endings. The key signature and time signature remain 3 flats and 4/4. There is a section marked '- Ob.' indicating where the optional oboe part enters.

Christ - mas, love all love - ly, love di -

5 6

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is on a single treble staff. The lyrics are 'Christ - mas, love all love - ly, love di -'. The piano accompaniment continues with first and sixth endings. The key signature and time signature remain 3 flats and 4/4.

\* The Oboe (C - Instrument) part is on page 10.

\*\* Play cue-sized notes only in absence of Oboe or C-instrument.

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vine; love was born at

Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the

sign; star and an - gels gave the

sign.