

Wartime Christmas

Poem by Joyce Kilmer

Music by Heather Percy

♩ = 84

The musical score is written for Soprano, Alto, and Piano. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the tempo is marked as quarter note = 84. The piano part begins with a right-hand (R.H.) section marked *pp* and a left-hand (L.H.) section marked *mp*. The lyrics are as follows:

Soprano:
Led by a star, a gold-en star, the young-est star,
Here the kings and she-pherds are, a kneel-ing on the

Alto:
Led by a star, a gold-en star, an
old-en star, Kings and she-pherds kneel on the

Piano:
The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand. Dynamics include *pp*, *mf*, and *simile*. The score includes measures 5 and 10.

3 14

cresc *f*

ground. What did they come to the inn to see? God in the High - est and

cresc *f*

ground. What did they come to the inn to see? God in the High-est and

18 **rit.**

mp

this is He, a ba - by a-sleep on his mo - ther's knee and with her kiss - ess

mp

this is He, a ba - by a-sleep. a ba-by a -sleep, kiss - ess

rit.

mp

22 **molto rit.**

crowned.

crowned.

mp **molto rit.**

pp *molto cresc*

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