

# BORN A STRANGER

for S.A.T.B. voices and piano  
with optional PianoTrax CD\*

Words adapted from "Before the Paling of the Stars"  
by CHRISTINA ROSSETTI (1830-1894)

Music by  
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**Expressively** (♩ = ca. 88)

**PIANO**

*mp*

4 *poco rit.* **SOPRANO**

**ALTO**

**TENOR**

**BASS**

5 *a tempo* *mp*

Be - fore the pal - ing of the

*poco rit.*

*a tempo*

6 stars, be - fore the win - ter morn. \_\_\_\_\_

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Be - fore the mourn - ing dove could sing, — Je - sus was

born. Born in a sta - ble,

13 *cresc.*

cra-dled in a man - ger, in a world his hands had made, in a world his hands had made, —

14 *mf* *rit. e decresc.*

15 *mf* *decresc.*

17

*mp* *a tempo*

born a stran - ger.

*mp*

*mp* *a tempo*

20

*poco rit.* 21 *a tempo*

Je - sus in his moth - er's arms,

*poco rit.* *a tempo*

23

*mp*

Spot - less lamb of

in a sta - ble cold,