

Commissioned by Peter Beaven and the Choir of the Royal Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst, to
celebrate the bicentenary of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst 2012,
and in memory of Major Colin Carr MC

Before the paling of the stars

Christina Rossetti
(1830–94)

CECILIA McDOWALL

Tender and expressive ♩ = 84

Be - fore the pal - ing of the stars, Be - fore the win - ter

p dolce

SOLO or TUTTI SOPRANOS

SOPRANO ALTO

TENOR BASS

ORGAN

Sw. p dolce

Man.

p *mf*

morn, (TUTTI) S.

A.

Be - fore the ear - liest cock - crow, — Je - sus Christ was — born:

legato *mf*

*Cue-sized notes are optional throughout.

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S. A. *mp* Born in a sta - ble, Cra - dled in a man-ger, In the

T. B. *mp dolce* Born in a sta - ble, Cra - dled in a man-ger,

mp Gt. + Sw.

(Man.)

16

world his hands had made, Born a stran - ger. Born in a

f Born in a

Gt. and Sw. to Ped. 16', 8' *f*

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sta - ble, Cra-dled in a man-ger, In the world his hands had

sta - ble, Cra - dled in a man-ger, In the world his hands had

mf *mp*