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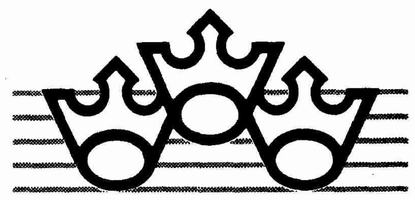

Oxford Choral Song
U133

Unison + optional
descant

Shepherd's Pipe Carol

Delaware Valley Men's Chorus
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Words and music
by JOHN RUTTER

Light and lively (♩ = c. 132)

PIANO

mf

VOICES

vv. 1 and 2. (Men)★ *mp crisp and rhythmic*

1. Go-ing through the hills on a night all star - ry
2. 'Tell me, shep-herd boy pip-ing tunes so mer-ri - ly

p

delicately

On the way to Beth - le - hem,
On the way to Beth - le - hem,

Far a-way I heard a
Who will hear your tunes on these

mp

p

★The piece may be sung by women's or boy's voices throughout.

The original version of this carol, is on sale (X167) and has been recorded on HMV CLP/CSD 3634 by the Clare College singers and Orchestra. An arrangement for S.S.A.A. voices is also on sale (W76) with orchestral material (as for X167) on hire. The present arrangement for unison voices with optional descant is also scored for orchestra with material on hire

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shep-herd boy pip - ing On the way to Beth - le - hem.
hills so lone - ly On the way to Beth - le - hem?'

A

legato

An - gels in the sky brought this mes - sage nigh:

(All)★

mf

An - gels brought this mes - sage: 'Dance and sing for joy that

mf legato

dim.

Christ the new-born King is come to bring us peace on earth, and he's ly - ing

mp

B

p non stacc.

cra-dled there at Beth - le - hem.'

p

mf

★Altos and/or basses take small notes.

C

(Sops. & Altos) *mp* *dolce e legato*

3. 'None may hear my pipes on these hills so lone - ly

p *pp*

una corda

On the way to Beth - le - hem, But a King will hear me

play sweet lul - la - bies When I get to Beth - le - hem.'

D

An - gels in the sky came down from on high,

An - gels came down, Ho - vered o'er the man - ger

8

Ped. *

dim.

where the babe was ly - ing cra-dled in the arms of his mo - ther Ma - ry,

pp

E

sleep-ing now at Beth - le - hem.

loco

mf

tre corde

Ped. * Ped. *

(Men) *mp crisply*

4. 'Where is this new King, shep-herd boy pip - ing mer - ri - ly,

ad lib.

tr

p

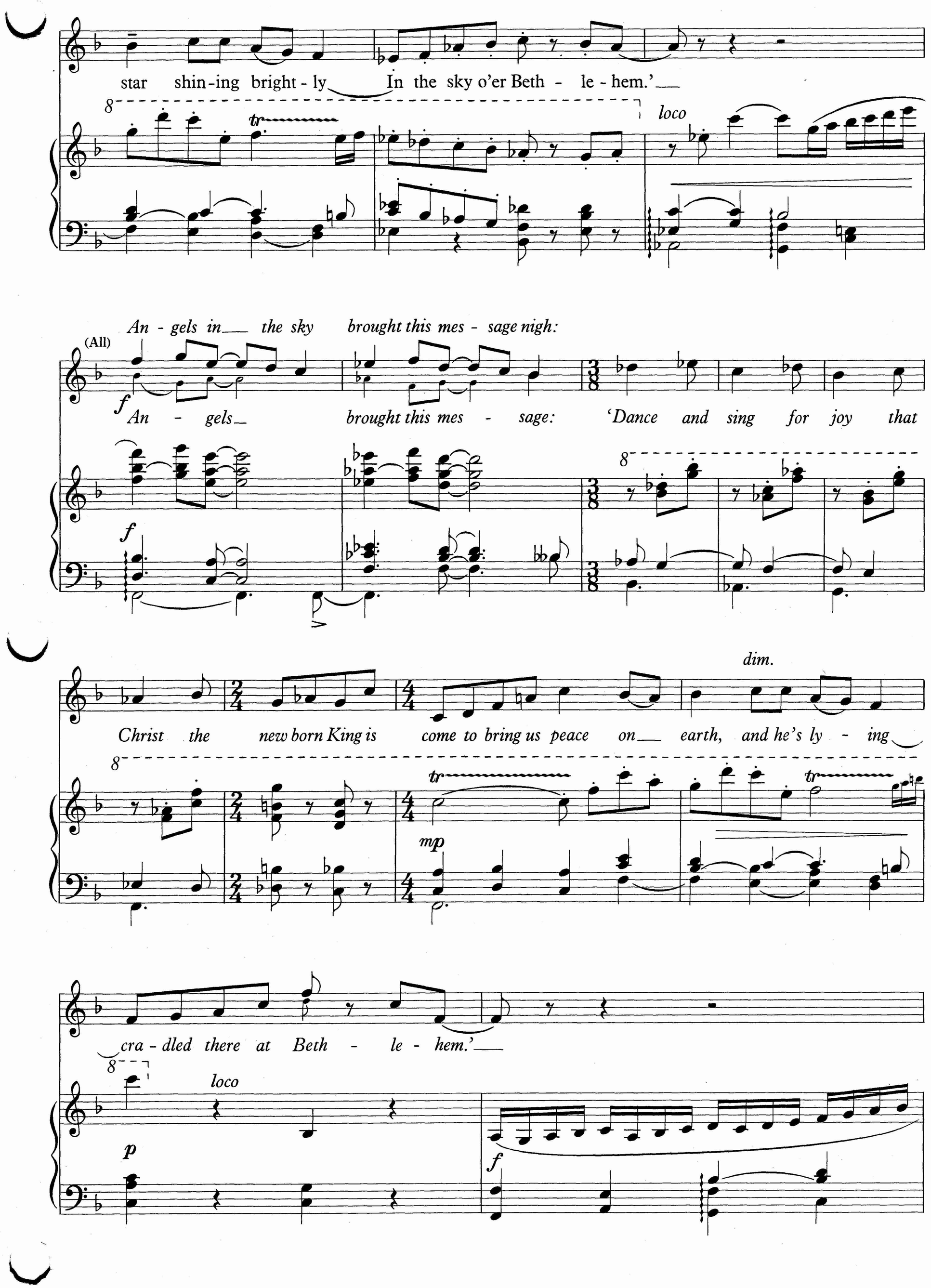
(Sops. & Altos) *mf*

Is he there at Beth - le - hem?' _ 'I will find him soon by the

tr

mp

Ped. *


star shin-ing bright-ly In the sky o'er Beth - le-hem.'
loco
An - gels in the sky brought this mes - sage nigh:
(All)
f An - gels brought this mes - sage: 'Dance and sing for joy that
dim.
Christ the new born King is come to bring us peace on earth, and he's ly - ing
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cra - dled there at Beth - le - hem.'
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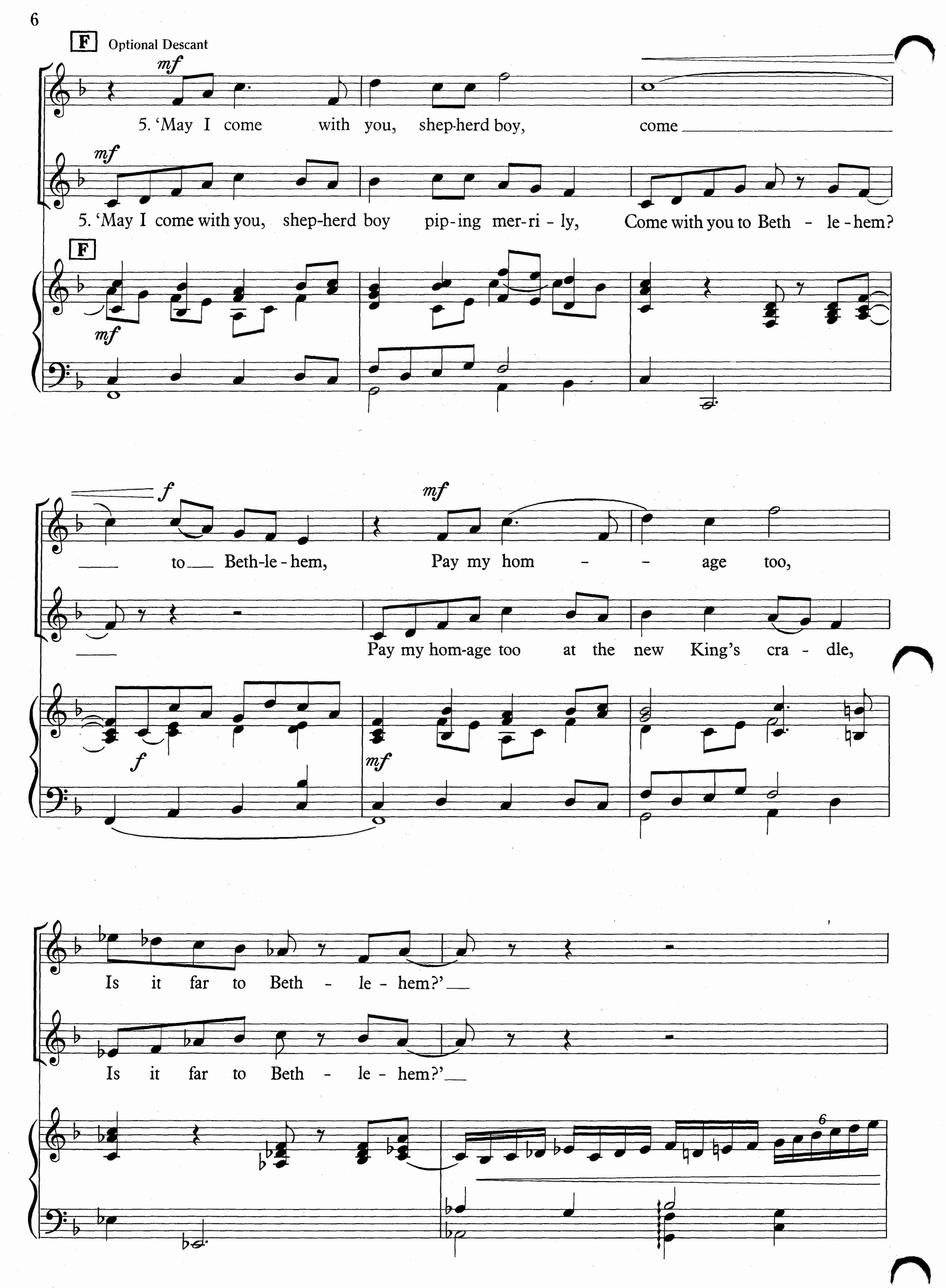
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Optional Descant
mf
5. 'May I come with you, shep-herd boy, come
mf
5. 'May I come with you, shep-herd boy pip-ing mer-ri - ly, Come with you to Beth - le - hem?
F
mf
f
to Beth-le - hem, Pay my hom - - age too,
mf
Pay my hom-age too at the new King's cra - dle,
f
mf
Is it far to Beth - le - hem?'
Is it far to Beth - le - hem?'
6

G

f

An - gels in the sky brought this mes - sage nigh: 'Dance and sing for joy that
An - gels in the sky brought this mes - sage nigh:

f

An - gels brought this mes - sage: 'Dance and sing for joy that

G

f

dim. *p*

Christ the in - fant King is born this night in low - ly sta - ble yon - der,

dim.

Christ the in - fant King is born this night in low - ly sta - ble yon - der,

mf

H

p

rit.

Born for you at Beth - le - hem.'

p

Born for you at Beth - le - hem.'

H

rit.

p

pp

ff

Ped. ✻

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