

WHERE IS THE CHILD?

*Where is the child?
When I was a child,
He seemed much closer to me.
I've wandered afar
With no guiding star
From the Child of Galilee.*

*Where is the joy
Of that tiny boy?
And where's the laughter and glee?
And where's the delight
Of this holy night?
And where's the child in me?*

*Why should we lose
all the happiness of caroling?
And who should refuse
All the joy the season's love can bring?
When did I grow too old to remember
All of the glow of home in December?
Where is the child,
The innocent child?
Can I be beguiled
To let him find me?*

*What do I hear -
A sound faint but clear?
Do angels still sing their song?
I know I can find
That child's peace of mind.
Make me a child
Again for tonight
And all my life long.*

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For SATB choir and keyboard

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Wistfully $\text{♩} = 80$

p

SA *p unis.*

Where is the child? When

mp

I was a child, He seemed much clos - er to me. I've

dim.

wan - dered a - far with no guid - ing star from the child of

mp *dim.*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

The musical score is written for SATB choir and keyboard. It begins with a piano introduction marked 'Wistfully' and a tempo of 80 beats per minute. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The piano part features a wistful melody in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand. The vocal parts enter with the lyrics 'Where is the child? When'. The score continues with the lyrics 'I was a child, He seemed much closer to me. I've' and 'wandered afar with no guiding star from the child of'. The music concludes with a final chord in the piano and a fermata over the last note of the vocal line.

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p Gal - li - lee. _____ *TB mp unis.* Where is the joy of

22 23 24 25 26

that ti - ny boy? And where's the laugh - ter and glee? _____

27 28 29 30 31

mf _____ And where's the de - light of this ho - ly night? And *dim.*

32 33 34 35 36