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PIANO

The piano introduction is in G major, 4/4 time. It begins with a forte (f) dynamic. The right hand plays a series of chords: G4 (quarter), G4-A4 (quarter), G4-B4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), G4 (half). The left hand plays a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F#3, G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F#7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F#8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F#9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F#10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F#11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F#12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F#13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F#14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F#15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F#16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F#17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F#18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F#19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F#20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F#21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F#22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F#23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F#24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F#25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F#26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F#27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F#28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F#29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, 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Good news, — great joy! —

Good news, — great joy! —

— great — joy! —



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— Good news, — great

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joy, great joy! _____

joy, great joy! _____ The an - gels sang _____ of peace _


joy, great joy! _____ The an - gels sang _____ of peace _

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news, good news, — great joy, great joy!

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news, good news, — great joy, great joy!

2nd time to CODA 
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24

25

mp

From a - far,

mp

From a - far,

mp

And so the shep-herds and wise men came from a - far,

mp

28

un - der a star.

un - der a star.

to see the babe in a man - ger found un - der a star.

32

33

Saw him ___ there, ___

And when they came to the sta - ble and saw him ___ there, ___

Saw him ___ there, ___

36

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(p. 3, m. 9)

cresc.

re - joic - ing filled the air.

cresc.

re - joic - ing filled the air.

cresc.

re - joic - ing filled the air. Good news, _

mf

cresc.

mf

41 CODA

42

mp - mf

Hal - le - lu - jah, a -

mp - mf

Hal - le - lu - jah, a -

mp

Oh, sing and shout! Oh, sing and shout!

CODA

mp

45

men! For the child is born in Beth - le - hem. _

men! For the child is born in Beth - le - hem. _

Oh, sing and shout! The child is born in Beth - le - hem. _

49

1. 2. *cresc.* Born in Beth - le - hem. _

1. 2. *cresc.* He is born in Beth - le - hem. _

mf 1. 2. *cresc.* Oh, sing and He is born in Beth - le - hem. _

mf 1. 2. *cresc.*

52

53

f

Good news, —

f

Good — news, — great — joy! —

f

Good news, —

f

with

55

The musical score is for three voices and piano accompaniment. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 8/8. The vocal parts are arranged in three staves: Soprano (top), Alto (middle), and Bass (bottom). The piano accompaniment is shown in a grand staff at the bottom. The lyrics are: "great joy! — Good news, — great". The Soprano and Bass parts have identical lyrics, while the Alto part has a shorter line: "Good — news, — great". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

great joy! — Good news, — great

— Good — news, — great

great joy! — Good news, — great

joy, great joy! — The an - gels sang — of peace — on earth to

joy, great joy! — The an - gels sang — of peace — on earth to

joy, great joy! — The an - gels sang — of peace — on earth to

The piano accompaniment features a series of chords in the right hand and a melodic line in the left hand, both in a key with four flats.

cel - e - brate. — Good news, good

cel - e - brate the ba - by's birth. Good news, good

Cel - e - brate. — Good news, good

The piano accompaniment continues with chords in the right hand and a melodic line in the left hand, maintaining the same key signature.

66

news,— great joy, great joy! Good news, good

news,— great joy, great joy! Good news, good

news,— great joy, great joy! Oh, sing good news, good

70

72

news,— great joy, great joy! —————

news,— great joy, great joy! —————

news,— great joy, great joy! —————

75

8

rit.

Good

rit.

Good

rit.

Good

rit.

79

8

news, great joy!

ff

news, great joy!

ff

news, great joy!

ff