

For Joanna Walton

I wrote “Star of Wonder”
In the middle of the Night.
Woke up from a sound sleep,
Heard the Words,
And played the notes
Into a tape recorder.
Listening back,
I realized it was the song
I’d been trying to write
To honor my friend,
Joanna Walton,
Blown up over Scotland
At Christmastime.

Every year I get requests
From choirs who would like to sing
“Star of Wonder.”

It’s the little magic song
Which has travelled
All over the World
Peacefully.

I’m thrilled she has found her way
Into the Schirmer catalog where
Everyone will be able to hear her
As she continues her travels
Around the Globe.

—Terre Roche
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Additional voicings

SSA voices	9208
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Star of Wonder

for Three-Part Mixed Chorus unaccompanied

Terre Roche

Espressivo, rubato $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 46$

Soprano *p* Star of Won - der in the heav - ens, won - der what you

Alto *p* Star of Won - der in the heav - ens, won - der what you

Tenor *melody mp* Star of Won - der in the heav - ens, won - der what you

4 *rit.* want of me? Should I fol - low you to - night? Star of Won - der, *Meno mosso melody mp*

rit. want of me? Should I fol - low you to - night? Star of Won - der, *p*

rit. want of me? Should I fol - low you to - night? Star of Won - der, *p*

Note: Original key as sung by The Roches is F major; may be sung in alternative key to accommodate performers' voices.

8 *rit.*
p **Tempo I**
p

Star of Won - der! I am just a lone - ly shep-herd,

rit.
pp *p*

Star of Won - der! I am just a lone - ly shep-herd,

rit.
pp *melody*
mp

Star of Won - der! I am just a lone - ly shep-herd,

11

watch - ing from a dis - tant hill. Why do you ap -

watch - ing from a dis - tant hill. Why do you ap -

watch - ing from a dis - tant hill. Why do you ap -

14 *rit.*
p **Meno mosso**
melody
mp

pear to me? Star of Won - der, if you will.

rit. *p*

pear to me? Star of Won - der, if you will.

rit. *p*

pear to me? Star of Won - der, if you will.

Più mosso

17 *mp*

In the morn - ing they'll come look - ing for the shep - herd on the hill.

melody mf

In the morn - ing they'll come look - ing for the shep - herd on the hill.

mp

In the morn - ing they'll come look - ing for the shep - herd on the hill.

21 *rit.*

What would make her leave her flock, for sure - ly she must love them still?

mp rit.

What would make her leave her flock, for sure - ly she must love them still?

melody mf rit.

What would make her leave her flock, for sure - ly she must love them still?

Tempo I

25 *p*

Star of Won - der in the heav - ens, are you just a

p

Star of Won - der in the heav - ens, are you just a

melody mp

Star of Won - der in the heav - ens, are you just a

28 *rit.*

shin - ing star or should I fol - low you to - night?

rit.

shin - ing star or should I fol - low you to - night?

rit.

shin - ing star or should I fol - low you to - night?

Meno mosso

melody
mp

31 *rit.* *lunga*

Star of Won - der, Star of Won - der shin - ing bright!

p *rit.* *lunga*

Star of Won - der, Star of Won - der shin - ing bright!

p *rit.* *lunga*

Star of Won - der, Star of Won - der shin - ing bright!