

Commissioned for the 25th anniversary of Dr. Leo H. Davis, Jr.,
Minister of Worship, for his commitment, dedication and
service at The Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ) Memphis, TN

Ain't That-A Rockin'

for SATB Voices, a cappella

Arranged by
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Steadily (♩ = 116)

SOPRANO *mp*
Ma - ry, Ma - ry had a ba-by, Ma - ry, Ma - ry had a ba-by,

ALTO *mp*
Ma - ry, Ma - ry,

TENOR *mp*
Ma - ry, Ma - ry,

BASS *mp*
Ma - ry, Ma - ry,

Piano (for rehearsal only)
Steadily (♩ = 116)

5
Ma - ry had a ba - by born in Beth - le - hem an' she rocked Him in a

Ma - ry had a ba - by born in Beth - le - hem an' she rocked Him in a

Ma - ry had a ba - by born in Beth - le - hem an' she rocked Him in a

Ma - ry had a ba - by born in Beth - le - hem an' she rocked Him in a

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8

wear - y, in a wear-y, wear - y___ lan'.

wear - y, in a wear-y, wear - y___ lan'. *mp* Ma-ry had_

wear - y, in a wear-y, wear - y___ lan'.

wear - y, in a wear-y, wear - y___ lan'.

8

12 *p*

Oh, li'- le ba - by, born in Beth - le - hem,

_____ a li'- le ba - by born in Beth - le - hem, ev'-ry time_

8 *p*

Oh, li'- le ba - by, born in Beth - le - hem,_____

p

Oh, li'- le ba - by, born in Beth - le - hem,_____

12

16

when(n) He cried she rocked Him in a wear - y, in a

de li' - le ba - by cried she rocked Him in a wear - y, in a

when(n) He cried she rocked Him in a wear - y, in a

when(n) He cried she rocked Him in a wear - y, in a

16

Piano accompaniment for measures 16-18.

19

wear-y, wear - y lan'. Born in a

wear-y, wear - y lan'. He was born in a low - ly

wear-y, wear - y lan'. Born in a

wear-y, wear - y lan'. Born in a

19

Piano accompaniment for measures 19-21.

23

man - guh, no room in de inn, when(n) He

man-guh, 'cause dere was foun' no room in de inn. Ev'-ry time da li'-le ba-by

man - guh, no room in de inn, when(n) He

man - guh, no room in de inn, when(n) He

23

27

cried she rocked Him in a wear - y, in a wear-y, wear - y lan'.

cried she rocked Him in a wear - y, in a wear-y, wear - y lan'.

cried she rocked Him in a wear - y, in a wear-y, wear - y lan'

cried she rocked Him in a wear - y, in a wear-y, wear - y lan'.

27

31 *mf*

Oh, ain'__ a that a rock - - in' for de worl', ain' that a

mf

Oh, ain'__ a that a rock-in', rock - in', rock - in' for de worl'

mf

Oh, ain'__ a that a rock-in', rock - in', rock - in' for de worl'

mf

Oh, ain'__ a that a rock-in', rock - in', rock - in' for de worl'

31

34

rock - - in' for de worl', oh, she_____

rock - in', rock - in', rock - in' for de worl' oh, she_____

rock - in', rock - in', rock - in' for de worl' oh, she

rock - in', rock - in', rock - in' for de worl', oh, she

34

37

rocked, yes, she rocked an' rocked, she rocked Him in a

rocked, yes, she rocked an' rocked, she rocked Him in a

rocked, yes, she rocked an' rocked, she rocked Him in a

rocked, yes, she rocked an' rocked, she rocked Him in a

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rocked, yes, she rocked an' rocked, she rocked Him in a

40

wear - y, wear - y, wear - y lan'.

wear - y, wear - y, wear - y, wear - y lan'.

wear - y, wear - y, wear - y, wear - y lan'.

wear - y, wear - y, wear - y, wear - y lan'.

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wear - y, wear - y, wear - y, wear - y lan'.

44 *p*

Shep - herds_ a - bid-in' in de field,_ watch - in'__ o'er de flock by night,

Shep - herds_ a - bid-in' in de field,_ watch - in'__ o'er de flock by night,

8 Shep - herds_ a - bid-in' in de field,_ watch - in'__ o'er de flock by night,

Shep - herds_ a - bid-in' in de field, watch - in'__ o'er de flock__ by__ night,

44

48 *mf*

un-to you__ de__

mf

a babe is born this day__ de__

8 said de an-gel of de Lord

to de shep-herd in de field,

48

52

an - gel call Him, call Him Christ_ de Lord,_ but I_____ call my Lord - y, King_

an - gel call Him, call Him Christ_ de Lord,_ but I_____ call my Lord - y, King_

mf call Him but I_____ call my Lord - y, King_

mf call Him but I_____ call my Lord - y, King_

52

55

p ___ Em-man-u - el. Ev' - ry when(n) He cried she rocked Him in a

p ___ Em-man-u - el. Ev' - ry, ev' - ry time___ de li' - le ba - by cried she rocked Him in a

p ___ Em-man-u - el. Ev' - ry when(n) He cried she rocked Him in a

p ___ Em-man-u - el. Ev' - ry when(n) He cried she rocked Him in a

55

59

wear - y, wear-y, wear - y___ lan'_____ Oh, ain'__ a that a

wear-y, wear-y, wear-y, wear - y___ lan'_____ Oh, ain'__ a that a

wear-y, wear-y, wear-y, wear - y___ lan' Oh, ain'__ a that a

wear-y, wear-y, wear-y, wear - y___ lan'. Oh, ain'__ a that a

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wear-y, wear-y, wear-y, wear - y___ lan'. Oh, ain'__ a that a

63

rock - in' for de worl', ain' that a rock - in' for de

rock-in', rock - in', rock - in' for de worl' rock-in', rock - in', rock -

rock-in', rock - in', rock - in' for de worl' rock-in', rock - in', rock -

rock-in', rock - in', rock - in' for de worl' rock-in', rock - in', rock -

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rock-in', rock - in', rock - in' for de worl' rock-in', rock - in', rock -

66

worl', oh, she _____ rocked, yes, she rocked an'

- in' for de worl' oh, she _____ rocked, yes, she rocked an'

- in' for de worl' oh, she _____ rocked, yes, she rocked an'

- in' for de worl', oh, she _____ rocked, yes, she rocked an'

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70

rocked, she rocked Him in a wear - y, wear-y, wear - y___ lan'.

rocked, she rocked Him in a wear-y, wear-y, wear-y, wear - y___ lan'.

rocked, she rocked Him in a wear-y, wear-y, wear-y, wear - y___ lan'

rocked, she rocked Him in a wear-y, wear-y, wear-y, wear - y___ lan'.

70

74 *f*

Oh, yes, she rocked, rocked, rocked Him in a wear-y lan', rocked, rocked, rocked.

Oh, yes, she rocked, rocked, rocked Him in a wear-y lan', rocked, rocked, rocked.

8 *f*

Oh, yes, she rocked Him, yes, she rocked Him,

f

Oh, yes, she rocked Him, Lord-y, oh, yes, she rocked Him rocked Him, Lord-y, oh,

74

78

— Him in - a Beth - le - hem, rocked Him in a wear - y, in a

— Him in - a Beth - le - hem, rocked Him in a wear - y, in a

8

— rocked Him in a wear - y, in a

— yes, she rocked Him, rocked Him in a wear - y, in a

78

80

wear - y lan', yes, she rocked Him in a wear - y lan'. Yes, she

wear - y lan', yes, she rocked Him in a wear - ry lan'. Yes, she

wear - y lan', yes, she rocked Him in a wear - y lan'. Yes, she

wear - y lan', yes, she rocked Him in a wear - y lan'. Yes, she

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rocked an' she rocked, an' she rocked an' she rocked an' she rocked

rocked an' she rocked an' she rocked an' she rocked an' she rocked

rocked, rocked, yes, she

rocked Him, Lord - y, oh, yes, she rocked Him

85

an' she rocked an' she rocked an' she rocked. She rocked Him in a wear y, in a

an' she rocked an' she rocked an' she rocked. She rocked Him in a wear y, in a

rocked, rocked, rocked, she rocked Him in a wear y, in a

rocked Him, Lord - y, oh, yes, she rocked Him, rocked Him in a wear y, in a

85

88

wear - y lan', yes, she rocked Him in a wear - y lan', have mer - cy, she

wear - y lan', yes, she rocked Him in a wear - y lan', have mer - cy, she

wear - y lan', yes, she rocked Him in a wear - y lan', have mer - cy, she

wear - y lan', yes, she rocked Him in a wear - y lan', have mer - cy, she

88

rall.

rall.

rall.

rall.

91

freely and deliberately

rocked Him in a wear - y____ lan', have mer - cy, she rocked Him in a wear - y

rocked Him in a wear - y lan', have mer - cy, she rocked Him in a wear - y

rocked Him in a wear - y lan', have mer - cy, she rocked Him in a wear - y

rocked Him in a wear - y lan', have mer - cy, she rocked Him in a wear - y

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freely and deliberately

rocked Him in a wear - y lan', have mer - cy, she rocked Him in a wear - y

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*sffz**ff*

lan', in - a wear - y, wear - y____ lan'.

lan', in - a wear - y, wear - y____ lan'.

lan', in - a wear - y, wear - y____ lan'.

lan', in - a wear - y, wear - y____ lan'.

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lan', in - a wear - y, wear - y____ lan'.