

The Nativity of Jesus

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Instrumentation

2 Flutes Piccolo	4 Horns in F	Violins I Violins II	Timpani
2 Oboes English Horn	3 Trumpets in Bb	Violas	Harp
2 Clarinets in Bb Bass Clarinet	2 Tenor Trombones Bass Trombone Tuba	Violoncellos	Cymbals
2 Bassoons Contrabassoon		Contrabasses	

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The Herald Star

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♩ = 57 **Espressivo** ... Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star
when it came up in the east, and we have come to worship him.
- Matthew 2:2 (GNT)

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral format with 24 staves. The instruments listed on the left are: Piccolo, Flutes I & II, Oboes I & II, English Horn, Clarinets I & II, Bass Clarinet, Bassoons I & II, Contrabassoon, Horns I & II, Horns III & IV, Trumpets I & II, Trumpet III, Trombones I & II, Bass Trombone & Tuba, Timpani, Cymbals, Violins I, Violins II, Violas, Violoncellos, and Double Basses. The score is in common time (C) with a tempo of 57 beats per minute. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The Oboes, Clarinets, Bass Clarinet, and Bassoons have dynamic markings of *mp* and *mf* with hairpins. The Oboes and Clarinets also feature slurs and accents. The Bassoon part includes a first ending bracket. The rest of the instruments have rests throughout the piece.

OB
CL
BCL
BN

mp

A ♩ = 95 Well then, the Lord himself will give you a sign: a young woman
who is pregnant will have a son and will name him 'Immanuel'.
- Isaiah 7:14 (GNT)

CL
VC

mp

FL
OB
CL
VN2
VC

♩ = 115

mp cresc. poco a poco

mp cresc. poco a poco

mp cresc. poco a poco

mp cresc. poco a poco

mp cresc. poco a poco

accel.

FL
OB
CL
VN2
VC

mf
mf
mf

B ♩ = 130 But when the right time finally came, God sent his own Son. He came as the son of a human mother and lived under the Jewish Law, so that we might become God's children.
- Galatians 4:4 (GNT)

FL
CL
VA
DB

mf
mf
mf
mf

div.

FL
CL
VA
DB

C

I look into the future, And I see the nation of Israel. A king, like a bright star, will arise in that nation.
- Numbers 24:17 (GNT)

Musical score for measures 29-32. The score is for a full orchestra and includes the following parts: FL (Flute), OB (Oboe), CL (Clarinet), VN1 (Violin I), VN2 (Violin II), and VC (Violoncello). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'cresc. poco a poco'. The dynamics are marked 'mf' for the Violin I part. The VC part is marked 'div.' (divisi) and 'cresc. poco a poco'. The music features a melodic line in the woodwinds and strings, with a steady accompaniment in the cellos.

Musical score for measures 33-36. The score is for a full orchestra and includes the following parts: FL (Flute), OB (Oboe), CL (Clarinet), VN1 (Violin I), VN2 (Violin II), and VC (Violoncello). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'cresc. poco a poco'. The dynamics are marked 'f' for the Violin I part. The VC part is marked 'div.' (divisi) and 'cresc. poco a poco'. The music features a melodic line in the woodwinds and strings, with a steady accompaniment in the cellos.

rit.

FL
OB
CL
HN12
HN34
VN1
VC
DB

D $\text{♩} = 123$ A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, "Wonderful Counselor", "Mighty God", "Eternal Father", "Prince of Peace".
- Isaiah 9:6 (GNT)

VN1
VN2
VA
VC

50

VN1

VN2

VA

VC

E His royal power will continue to grow; his kingdom will always be at peace. He will rule as King David's successor, basing his power on right and justice, from now until the end of time. ...
 - Isaiah 9:7 (GNT)

55

BN

HN12

HN34

VN1

VN2

VA

VC

DB

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

1.

Musical score for measures 59-63. Instruments include FL (Flute), OB (Oboe), CL (Clarinet), BN (Bassoon), HN12 (Horn 12), HN34 (Horn 34), TIMP (Timpani), VN1 (Violin 1), VN2 (Violin 2), VA (Viola), VC (Violoncello), and DB (Double Bass). The score features a first ending (1.) and a second ending (2.). Dynamics include *mf* and *cresc.*.

F

A voice cries out, "Prepare in the wilderness a road for the LORD! Clear the way in the desert for our God! Fill every valley; level every mountain. The hills will become a plain, and the rough country will be made smooth. Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it. ...
- Isaiah 40:3-5 (GNT)

Musical score for measures 64-66. Instruments include FL, OB, CL, BTBNTU (Bass Trombone), TIMP, VN1, VN2, VC, and DB. Dynamics include *f* and *mf*.

68

FL

1.

mf cresc. poco a poco

OB

1.

mf cresc. poco a poco

CL

1.

mf cresc. poco a poco

TBN12

mf cresc. poco a poco

VN1

mf cresc. poco a poco

VN2

mf cresc. poco a poco

VA

mf cresc. poco a poco

72

FL

OB

CL

TBN12

VN1

VN2

VA

DB

f cresc.

G He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king as his ancestor David was, and he will be the king of the descendants of Jacob forever; his kingdom there will never end!
- Luke 1:32-33 (GNT)

Musical score for a large ensemble, including woodwinds, brass, strings, and percussion. The score is for measures 76-80 and features a *ff* (fortissimo) dynamic marking. The instruments listed are PICC, FL, OB, EH, CL, BCL, BN, CBN, HN12, HN34, TPT12, TPT3, TBN12, BTBNTU, TIMP, CYM, VN1, VN2, VA, VC, and DB. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, slurs, and dynamic markings.

80

PICC

80

FL

80

OB

80

EH

80

CL

80

BCL

80

BN

80

CBN

80

HN12

80

HN34

80

TPT12

80

TPT3

80

TBN12

80

BTBNTU

80

pp

80

TIMP

80

CYM

80

VN1

80

VN2

80

VA

80

VC

80

DB

PICC 84

FL 84

OB 84

CL 84

HN12 84

HN34 84 3.

TBN12 84

BTBNTU 84

TIMP 84

CYM 84

VNI 84

VC 84

DB 84

H

The LORD says, "Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are one of the smallest towns in Judah, but out of you I will bring a ruler for Israel, whose family line goes back to ancient times."
- Micah 5:2 (GNT)

Musical score for Micah 5:2 (GNT). The score is divided into two systems, each containing staves for various instruments: FL (Flute), OB (Oboe), CL (Clarinet), HN12 (Horn 12), HN34 (Horn 34), TPT12 (Trumpet 12), BTBNTU (Bass Trombone/Tuba), VNI (Violin I), and DB (Double Bass). The first system (measures 92-95) features a melodic line starting with a first ending (1.) in measure 92, marked with a forte (*f*) dynamic and a decrescendo (*dim.*) leading to a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic in measure 95. The second system (measures 96-99) features a melodic line starting with a second ending (2.) in measure 96, marked with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a decrescendo (*dim.*) leading to a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic in measure 99. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings.

I

The LORD says, "Here is my servant, whom I strengthen; the one I have chosen, with whom I am pleased. I have filled him with my Spirit, and he will bring justice to every nation."
- Isaiah 42:1 (GNT)

100

OB *mp* dim. poco a poco

100 1. *mp* dim. poco a poco

100 *mp* *p*

104 1. *mp* dim. *p*

104 *p*

104 2. *p*

104 1. *p*