Born This Day

Assembly, SATB Choir or 3-part Choir, Keyboard, Guitar, Solo Instrument in C, Solo Instrument in B♭, and Solo Instrument in E♭

Based on Isaiah 9:1–2a, 5

Ken Canedo

INTRO With a gospel swing (≈ 94–96)

Keyboard

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VERSE 3 (Alternate SATB Arrangement)

Solo/All

1. The people who wandered in darkness have

2. The burden that weighed on our shoulders is

3. The people who wandered in darkness have

E♭ A♭/B♭ B♭ G♭7 E♭ Fm7 E♭/G A♭ F7/A B♭ B♭/A♭ A♭ C7/G

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

1, 3. seen a marvelous light. And on those who lived too

2. lifted on this wonderful day. God has granted us a-

3. Oo And on those who lived too

3. seen a marvelous light.

Fm7 E♭/G A♭ F7/A B♭ B♭/A♭ E♭/G A♭
1. long in the shadows, a great light shines.
2. bountiful rejoicing that knows no end.
3. long in the shadows, a great light shines.

REFRAIN
There is a child born this day, a son who will...
lead us to greatness and glory. He shall be Wonderful

Counselor, powerful God, always faithful

Ah,
Fa - ther, faith - ful Prince of Peace.

al - ways faith - ful Prince of Peace.

Prince of Peace.
Performance Notes

The text of “Born This Day” is based on the First Reading of *The Feast of the Nativity of the Lord—Mass at Midnight*, the famous and beautiful passage from Isaiah 9. In this song I have tried to convey the grandeur of this prophecy that is so meaningful to Christians as they celebrate the birth of their Savior. The gospel feel of the song will hopefully help to inspire a “big choir” sound, no matter how large or small your group is. The printed notation should be seen as a springboard for creative and passionate vocal interpretation.

I suggest you begin by having a soloist sing the first verse, followed by the choir singing the first refrain in unison. The second verse may be sung by all in unison, with the choir breaking into harmony on the second refrain. The third verse has the option to sing the choral parts in either SATB (found the keyboard/vocal) or in the three-part arrangement (found in the guitar/vocal), depending on the needs of your choir. For the best interpretation, please take care to follow the dynamic markings, making sure to end the song with the final “peace” in a diminishing *pianissimo*.

There is a deliberate hint of “Joy to the World” in the interlude between the refrain and the verses that will be greatly enhanced by a solo instrument.

—Ken Canedo
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SOLO INSTRUMENT in C

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INTRO With a gospel swing (\( \textit{q} = 94–96 \))

VERSE 1

REFRAIN

There is a

VERSES 2, 3

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SOLO INSTRUMENT in E♭ Ken Canedo

INTRO  With a gospel swing ($= 94–96)$

VERSE 1

REFRAIN

There is a

1, 2

to Verses 2, 3

Final

VERSES 2, 3

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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INTRO  With a gospel swing (q = ca. 94–96)

Capo 1: (D) (F#m7) (A/G) (G) (B7/F#) (Em7) (D/F#) (G) (D/A) (A)

(Kbd)

$mVSERES$

(Eb) (A#/Bb) (Bb) (Eb) (Gm7) (Bb/Ab) (Ab) (C7/G)

1, 3. The people who wandered in darkness have
(2. The) burden that weighed on our shoulders is

(Dm7) (D/F#) (G6)(E7/G#) (A) (A/G) (D/F#) (G)

(Fm7) (Eb/G) (Ab) (F7/A) (Bb) (Bb/Ab) (Eb/G) (Ab)

1. 3. seen a marvelous light. And on those who lived too__
2. lifted on this wonderful day. God has granted us __ a-

(Cmaj7) (Dm7) (Bm7) (Em7) (G) (A)

(Domaj7) (Cm7) (Fm7) (Ab) (Bb)

1. 3. long in the shadows, a great light___ shines.
2. bountiful rejoicing that knows no___ end.

REFRAIN

(G/A)

Melody (Ab/Bb) (Eb) (Gm7) (Ab) (Eb/G) (G6)

(D) (F#m7) (G) (D/F#) (F6)

There is a child born this__ day, a son who will lead us to
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(Bbmaj7)  (A)  (A/G)  (Bm)  (D+/A7)  (D/A)  (E9/G7)

Cmaj7  Bb  Bb/A  Cm  E+/B  Eb/Bb  F9/A

great-ness and glory. He shall be Wonderful Counselor, powerful God,
great-ness and glory. Ah, Ah.

(G)  (Fadd9)  (Em7)  (D/F#)  (G)  (D/A)  (G/A)

Ab  Gbadd9  Fm7  Eb  Ab/G  Ab/Bb  Ab/Bb

always faithful Father,
always faithful Prince of

I, 2

(D)  (F7m7)  (Gadd9)  (F7m7)  (G)  (Em7)  (G/A)  (D)  (G/A)  (A)

Eb  Gm7  Abadd9  Gm7  Ab  Fm7  Ab/Bb  Eb  Ab/Bb  Bb

Peace.  2, 3. The

Final

(D)  (F7m7)  (Gadd9)  (F7m7)  (G)  (Em7)  (A7)  (D)

Eb  Gm7  Abadd9  Gm7  Ab  Fm7  Bb7  Eb

Peace.  He is the Prince of Peace.

Peace.
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Verses

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Final

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