



Choral Series

for young people

God So Loved The World

for Monika Griott and the Young People's Choir of Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, San Bernardino, California

for Assembly, Three-part Choir, Descant, Keyboard, Guitar, and Flute

Refrain based on John 3:16

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INTRO (q = 76-80)

Flute

mf

G C/G D/G G

Keyboard

mp

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VERSES

Descant (verse 3)

3. Ah _____ ah _____ ah _____

mf G C/G D/G G C/G

1. A man-ger his throne, a sta-ble his court; the King of cre-a-tion in
 2. 7 Hu-man like us in all things but sin; the King of cre-a-tion knew
 3. 7 Let us re-joice, _____ let us be glad; 7 Come, let us sing of sal-

mp

3. _____ ah _____

D/G G Am B7

1. hum-ble at-tire. No fan-fare, no trum-pet, yet an-gels sing on
 2. hun-ger and pain. 7 Born in-to weak-ness, yet Son of God Most
 3. va-tion in Christ. 7 All of the na-tions have seen the pow'r of

3. _____ ah _____

Em C *mf* G/B Am7 D7 G

1. high: "Pro-claim the good news, the Sav-ior is born!"
 2. High: Sing our sal-va-tion, the Sav-ior is born!
 3. God: Sing out a new song, the Sav-ior is born!"

mf *mp*

REFRAIN

Melody *f* Am7 D7 Gmaj7 G6

Harmony I For God so loved the world, he gave his on - ly Son, that

Harmony II *f*

God loved the world, God sent his Son;
 (after verse 3) Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

mf

Am7 D G Am7

all who be - lieve in him might live. We praise his ho - ly birth,

All might have e - ter - nal life. Praise for his
 Praise to Al - might - y God on high. Al - le - lu -

D7 G Em C G/B

God's love re - vealed to earth; God's heart of com - pas - sion,

birth, God's love for earth; God giv - en,
 ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia,

Am7 D C/D to Coda ⊕ G

1 D.S. 2

giv - en in Christ our Lord.

giv - en in Christ our Lord.

al - le - lu - ia.

to Coda ⊕

1 D.S. 2

INTERLUDE

Am7 D7 Gmaj7 Am7

f Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Praise to Al -

f Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Praise to

mf

D G Am7 D7 G Em

might - y God on high. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - might - y God on high. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C G/B Am7 D C/D G *D.S.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

D.S.

⊕ CODA
G Am7 D7 G Em

Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

- ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C G/B Am7 D C/D G *molto rit.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

molto rit.

molto rit.

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FLUTE

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INTRO (♩ = 76 - 80)

VERSE 1

REFRAIN

VERSE 2

INTERLUDE

VERSE 3

REFRAIN

CODA

mp

mf

mp

mf

molto rit.

Performance Notes

God So Loved the World is an attempt to bridge the gap between the romanticism we tend to associate with the celebration of Christmas and the theological aspects of the season. The text is inspired by the following scriptural and liturgical sources:

Verse 1: Luke 2

Verse 2: Eucharistic Prayer IV

Verse 3: Psalm 98

Refrain: John 3:16.

In this piece we celebrate God's eternal mercy in the gift of the Incarnation. We focus not on a tiny baby, nor on the weather, nor on any other of those external things that distract us from the real gift that is Christ's birth. We celebrate that Jesus was indeed human like us, born in our human weakness, yet in his lowliness is the Son of the Most High.

The accompaniment should never become heavy, as this piece should have a light and joyous feel. Although composed for equal voices, a choir of adults could sing this piece using sopranos and altos on the top two parts of the refrain, and the tenors and basses singing unison on the bottom part.

— G.C.

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

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VERSES

1. A man-ger his throne, a sta-ble his court; the
 2. 7 Hu-man like us in all things but sin; the
 3. 7 Let us re-joice, let us be glad; 7

1. King of cre-a-tion in hum-ble at-tire. No
 2. King of cre-a-tion knew hun-ger and pain. 7
 3. Come, let us sing of sal-va-tion in Christ. 7

1. fan-fare, no trum-pet, yet an-gels sing on high:
 2. Born in-to weak-ness, yet Son of God Most High:
 3. All of the na-tions have seen the pow'r of God:

REFRAIN

1. "Pro-claim the good news, the Sav-ior is born!"
 2. Sing our sal-va-tion, the Sav-ior is born!
 3. Sing out a new song, the Sav-ior is born!"

For God so loved the world, he gave his on-ly Son,
 that all who be-lieve in him might live. We praise his
 ho-ly birth, God's love re-vealed to earth; God's

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heart of com-pas-sion, giv-en in Christ our Lord. 1-2 to Verse 2 to Interlude

Final
 Lord. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Fine
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

INTERLUDE
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Praise to Al-
 mighty God on high. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. to Verse 3

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.