What Happened in Bethlehem that Cold Winter Night

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M.D. Ridge, 1938–2017

Darker (\( \approx \text{ca. 66} \))

Tenor/Bass or Solo(s)*

1. What happened in Bethlehem one cold winter night? The streets were deserted beneath a star's great light. Inn and palace all lay sleeping like the cattle in their stall. None noticed a

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Solo Instrument in C (Oboe)

car-pen-ter and his preg-nant wife at all.

Keyboard

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*If two soloists sing the first verse, the second voice should not enter until the written harmony appears.
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2. The silence was broken by the cry of a child; the young mother glanced at her baby boy and smiled. In a single breath, the world changed and would never be the same: all nations would know the power in the sound of Jesus’
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35

Soprano    f

name.

Alto

3. Assailed by dis-

Tenor

(3r for rehearsal only)

Bass    f

40

the lights of the city out-

har-mo-ny, our world gone awry, the lights of the city out-

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shine the starry sky. Could we hear the angels singing, in the

noisy world we know, of love born in Bethlehem born for

(resume accompaniment)
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In the Promised One, trusting, he will never lead a -
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stray, for soon, as in Bethlehem, lasting peace will dawn like day.

OPTIONAL ENDING

Last-ing peace will dawn like day.

First measure:

Last-ing peace will dawn like day.

Second measure:

Last-ing peace will dawn like day.

Third measure:

Last-ing peace will dawn like day.

Fourth measure:

Last-ing peace will dawn like day.

Fifth measure:

Last-ing peace will dawn like day.

Sixth measure:

Last-ing peace will dawn like day.
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SOLO INSTRUMENT in C (OBEO)  

VERSE 1  Darkly (d = ca. 66)

...pregnant wife at all.

VERSE 2

...sound of Jesus' name.

VERSE 3

...us, so long ago?

VERSE 4


OPTIONAL ENDING

molt rot.  
a tempo  
molt rot.

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Note: Oboe part is not compatible with the hymn version.
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(Hymn Version)

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4. Promised One, be trusting, he will never lead astray.

1. Palace all lay sleeping like the cattle in their stall.
2. Single breath, the world changed and would never be the same:
3. Hear the angels singing, in the noisy world we know,
4. Promised One, be trusting, he will never lead astray.

4. For soon, will peace dawn like day.

1. None noticed a carpenter and his pregnant wife at all.
2. All nations would know the pow’r in the sound of Jesus’ name.
3. Of love born in Bethlehem born for us, so long ago?
4. For soon, as in Bethlehem, last-ing peace will dawn like day.

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THAT COLD WINTER NIGHT

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1. What happened in Bethlehem one cold winter night?
2. The silence was broken by the cry of a child;
3. Asailed by disharmony, our world gone awry,
4. What happened in Bethlehem that cold winter night?

1. The streets were deserted beneath a star’s great light,
2. the young mother gazed at her baby boy and smiled,
3. the lights of the city outshine the starry sky,
4. lets hope shine within us and fills our hearts with light.

1. Inn and palace all lay sleeping like the cattle in their stall.
2. In a single breath, the world changed and would never be the same:
3. Could we hear the angels singing, in the noisy world we know,
4. In the Promised One, be trusting, he will never lead a stray,

1. None noticed a carpenter and his pregnant wife at all.
2. all nations would know the power in the sound of Jesus’s name.
3. of love born in Bethlehem born for us, so long a go?
4. for soon, as in Bethlehem, lasting peace will dawn like day.

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