

He Arrives

A Christmas carol for voice(s),
guitar, and (optional) piano

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Freely at first (♩ = c. 96)

G D9sus4/A Dsus2/F# G+5 Csus2 G C Am7
 (flick a top F# on beat 3)

Voice/
Guitar

He ar - rives as a ba - by, with a breath and cry. Young mo - ther,

mp

Bm Em7 Am7 C Dsus4 D G G Am7 C Bm

8

tired, tries her first lull - a - by, and a car - pen - ter fa - ther sees to a small

Am7 D6sus4/B G+5 Am7 A7sus2 Asus2 Csus2 D G D9sus4/A

14

bed... while a new star's be - gin - ning to shine o - ver - head.

14 *sl. accel. into second verse*

Piano

p

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D9sus4/A D5* D5* G5* G5* Am* Bm* C* C*

He's ar - rived in a sta - ble; no - where else to stay. Still, it's lent

Piano

26

G* G* Am7 C D D G G Am7 C Bm Bm

shel - ter e - nough and some hay. Then the dad moves a man - ger; he fills it just

molto rit.

molto rit.

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Am7 D6sus4/B G+5 G+5 Am7 Am7 C C D G G



so ... while in fields, skies of an - gels meet shep - herds be - low.

at a more joyful tempo

at a more joyful tempo *mp*

*For these starred chords, pluck with thumb on bass note and fingers on top three strings.

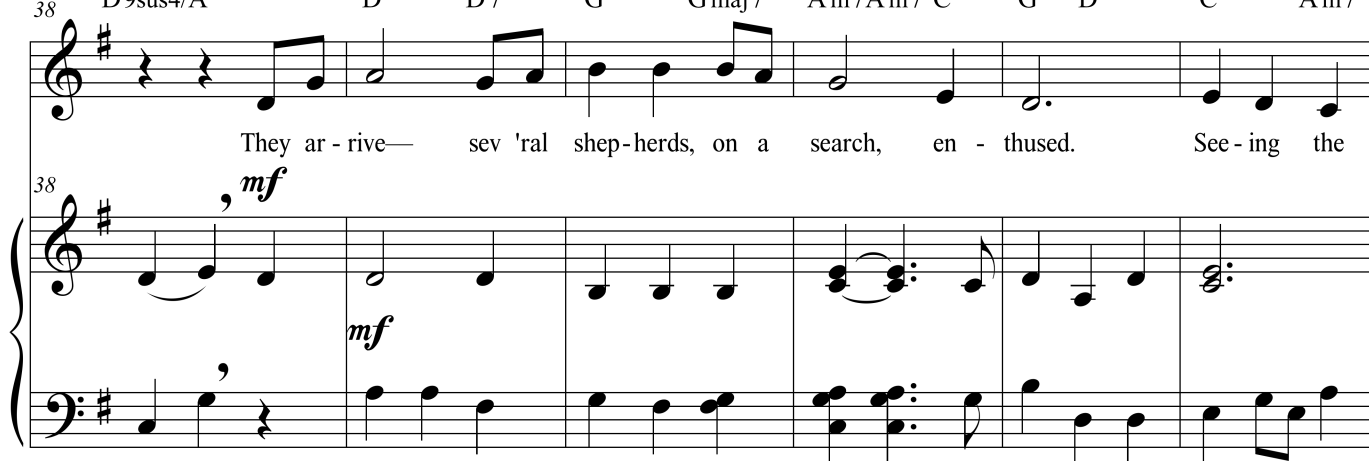
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D9sus4/A D D7 G Gmaj7 Am7Am7 C G D C Am7

They ar - rive— sev 'ral shep-herds, on a search, en - thused. See - ing the

mf

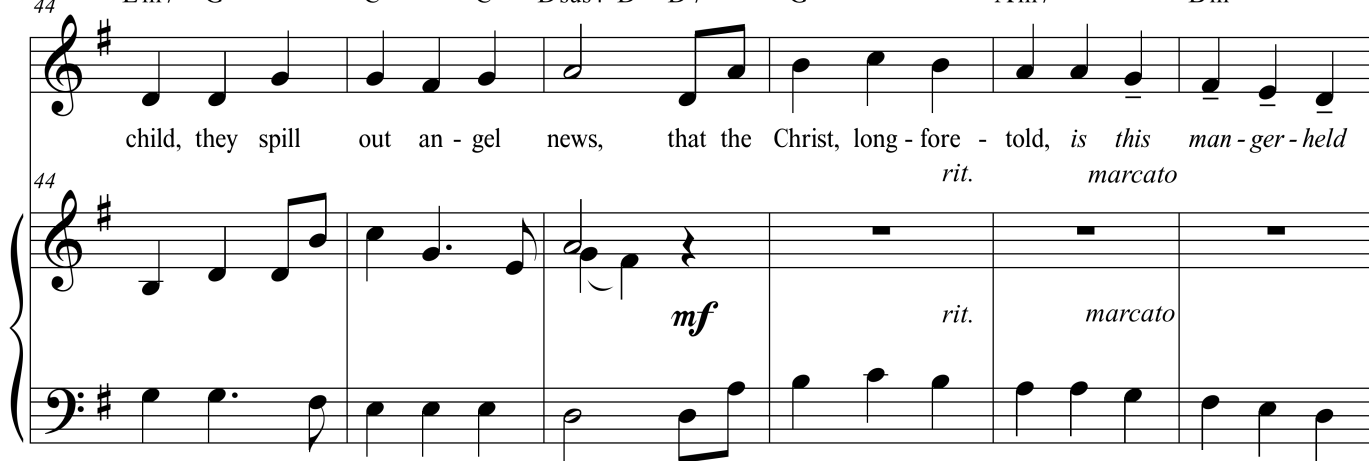




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child, they spill out an - gel news, that the Christ, long - fore - told, is this man - ger - held

rit. marcato

mf rit. marcato



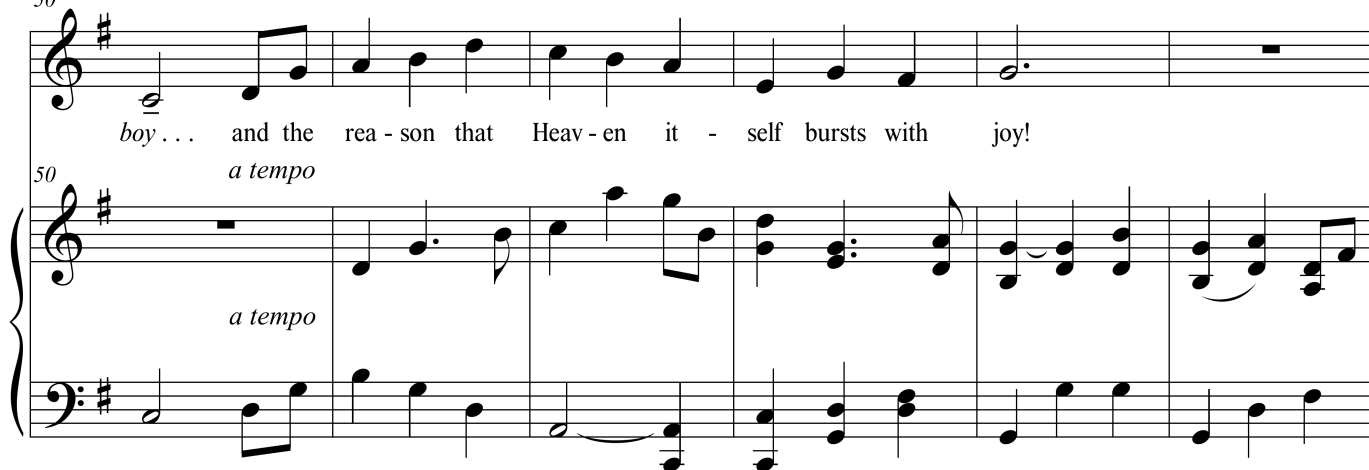
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C D6sus4/B G+5 G+5 Am7Am7 Csus2 D G G D

boy... and the rea - son that Heav - en it - self bursts with joy!

a tempo

a tempo



You could add more voices from m38 through m61, especially if piano is not used.

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G D9sus4/A G D D G G Am7 C Am7 G D



Prais-ing God that they've seen it, shep-herds all de - part.

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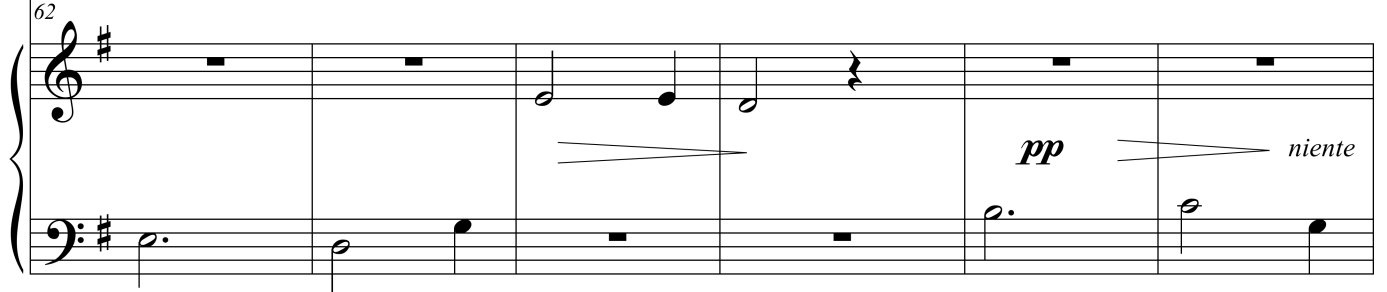


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C Am7 G G C C Dsus4 D G Am7 C

Mar - y adds more to God's works in her heart. Soon she's rest - ing in trust near her





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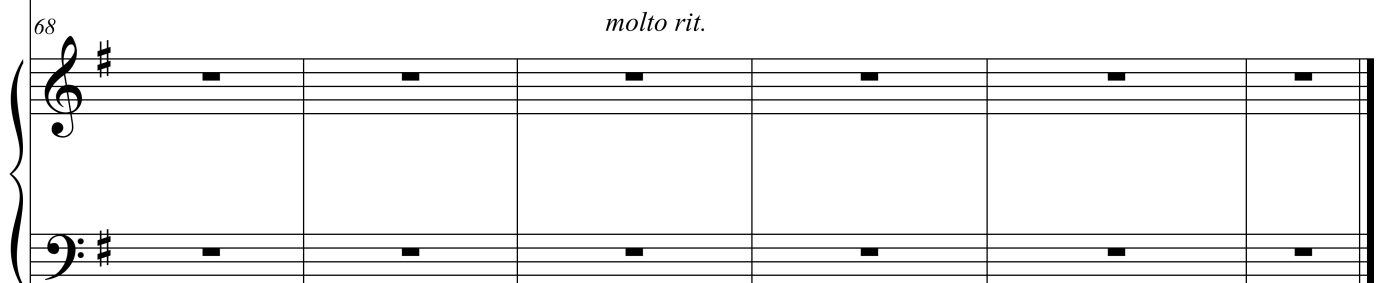
D D Am7 G Dsus4 G+5 C Cmaj7 Am Am7 D9sus4/A G+5

child's man-ger frame, sure that "Je - sus"— "the Lord saves"— is his per - fect name.

68

molto rit.



Note that the second-last melody note is different from the pattern in other verses.