

for the BBC Singers and Tanya Houghton

My Perfect Stranger

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1. Prologue

Measured ♩ = c.92

UPPER VOICES

10 21

S. This is what hap - pens. S. and at no worse__ time for a quea - sy

35 **poco più mosso** *P*

S. Rough tracks through oo

49 *mf* *P*

ah oo

54 *f* *dim.*

ah ah

59 **poco rit.** **Tempo I** ♩ = c.92

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2. My Perfect Stranger

Dancing ♩ = c.116

UPPER VOICES

4 20

MARY (ALTO) Quick and slow. Tight as a drum.

29 INNKEEPER (TENOR)

8 10

Sor - ry, mate. Not a sin - gle pal - let,

43

S. By by lul - ly, lul - lay.

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(STAR)

53 *p*



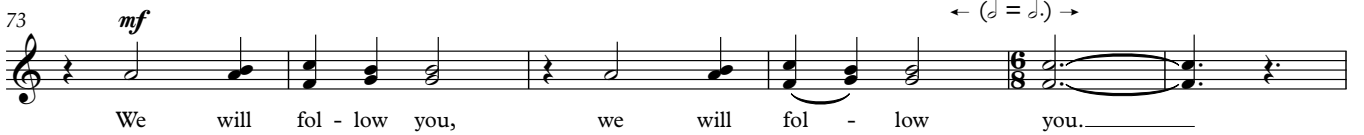
I am to-night's bright-est star, ma-ny-col-oured, blos-som-ing o-ver Beth-le-hem.

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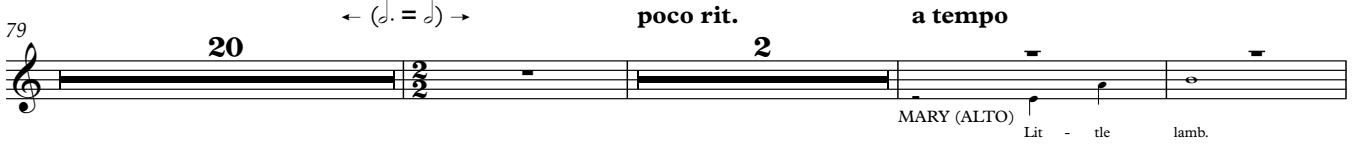
Fol-low me, fol-low me.

73 *mf*



We will fol-low you, we will fol-low you.

79



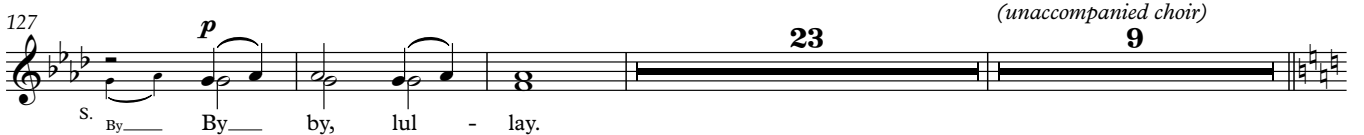
MARY (ALTO) Lit-tle lamb.

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My per-fect stran-ger, I'll S. By by, lul-ly.

127 *p*



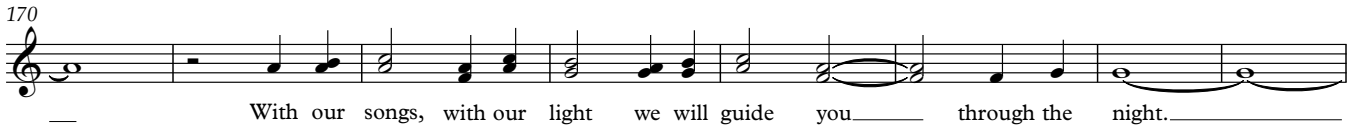
S. By By by, lul-lay.

162 (ANGELS) *pp*



S. lay. Lis-ten! We're your se-cret voi-ces.

170



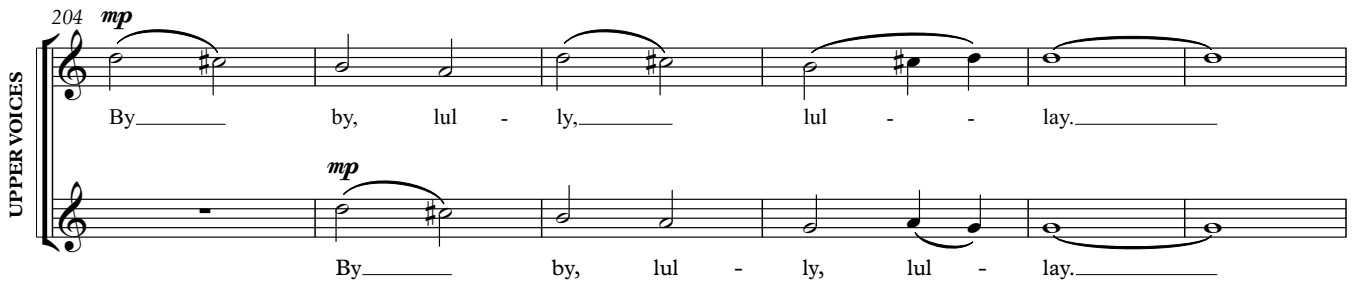
With our songs, with our light we will guide you through the night.

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S. I will love you.

204 *mp*



By by, lul-ly, lul-lay.

UPPER VOICES

mp



By by, lul-ly, lul-lay.

210 *p* lul - lay, *pp* lul -

p lul - lay, *pp* lul -

216 - lay, *rit.* 2

- lay, 2

3. Epilogue

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UPPER VOICES 9 S. We aim and stray, we want, we dream.

15 25 *poco più mosso* 2

S. guide us on this won - der - jour - ney. S. As in maz - y

46 *p* *mf* *p* *p*

oo ah oo

53 *f* *mf* *p*

ah

60 *mf ma dolce* *mp*

There are parts for each of us, God's crea - tures, for

66 *p* 10 *rit.* 3

ev - 'ry - one.