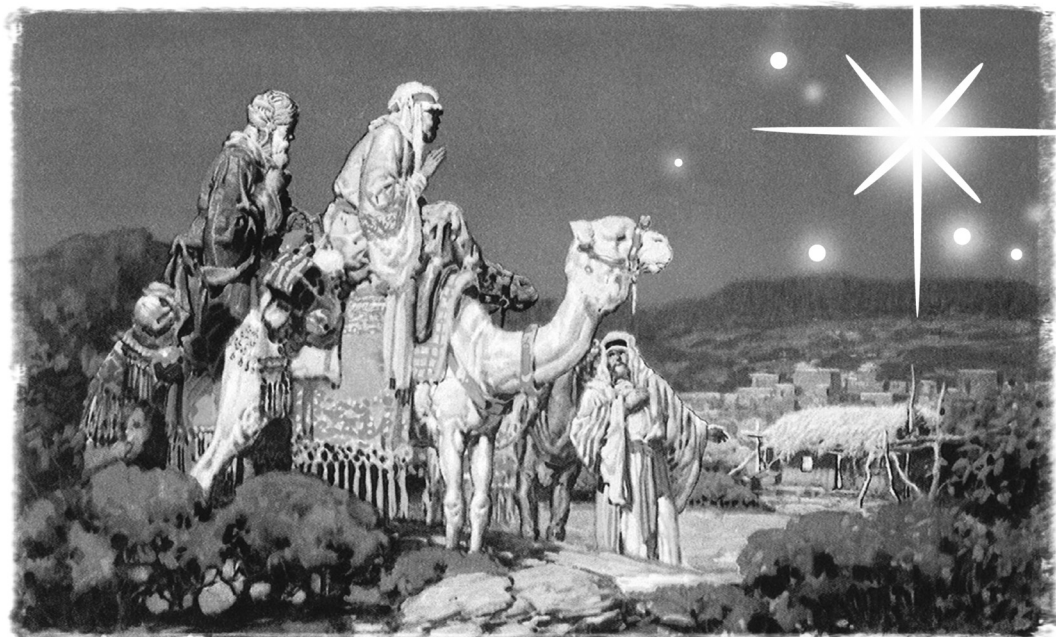


Behold That Star!

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*A Cantata for S. A. T. B. Voices,
Narrator, Speakers and Congregation,
with Optional Unison Children's Choir
and Soloists*

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FOREWORD

Behold That Star! is a cantata for S.A.T.B. chorus, keyboard, narrator, speakers and congregation. Appropriate for both Christmas and Advent worship, it also features optional unison children's choir, vocal solos and instrumental accompaniment consisting of brass quartet, flute, 2 clarinets and percussion. The flexible instrumental scoring permits the use of brass only, woodwinds only, percussion only, or several combinations of those instruments, with keyboard.

Approximately 25 minutes in length, this cantata is designed for incorporation into the regular worship service. It may also be lengthened to create a special Christmas program or pageant by the addition of costumes and simple staging. Directors are encouraged to add instrumental solos or congregational hymns as time and resources allow. Many of these choruses are available in other voicings, thereby permitting the incorporation of treble or youth choirs or other choral textures. Following is a resource list of applicable Alfred publications.

- **CAROLS FOR TWO (Shafferman):** Vocal Duets Book #11536
- **CHRISTMAS FOR SOLO SINGERS (ed. Althouse):** Med. High #11676; Med. Low #11677
- **COME TO THE MANGER (Page):** Piano Solo Book #14711
- **FAVORITE CHRISTMAS CLASSICS FOR SOLO SINGERS (Liebergen):** Med. High # 17923; Med. Low #17928
- **FOLLOW THE STAR:** 3-part mixed #16268; Unison or 2-part #11520
- **HODIE:** SATB #5852; SAB #5853; 2-Part #5854
- **ONE STAR:** SATB #16363; SAB #16364; 2-Part #16365
- **READY TO SING...CHRISTMAS (ed. Althouse):** Vocal Solo or Unison Singing Book #20195
- **THE SACRED FLUTE SOLOIST (Various):** Keyboard/Flute Book #19844
- **THE SACRED TRUMPET SOLOIST (Althouse):** Keyboard/Trumpet Book #18923
- **SHEPHERDS, GO TELL!:** SATB #18657; SAB #18658; 2-part #18659
- **STAR OF GLORY:** SATB a cappella #11584; SAB a cappella #11585
- **10 CHRISTMAS SONGS FOR SOLO VOICE (Hayes):** Med. High #18916; Med. Low #18919
- **WHO IS THIS, A TINY BABY?:** SATB #18352; SAB #18353

1. ONE STAR

Words and Music by
**JAY ALTHOUSE and
 SALLY K. ALBRECHT**

NARRATOR: I shall see Him, but not now;
 (over 2nd intro) I shall behold Him, but not near:
 There shall come a Star out of Jacob,
 And a Scepter shall rise out of Israel. (*Numbers 24: 17*)

In a stately manner (♩ = ca. 72-76)

ACCOMP.

p (Play 3x)

5 UNISON WOMEN (*opt. solo*)

p

One star, _____ shin-ing in the dark - ness, _____ grow-ing ev - er

9

(*end solo*)

strong - er, _____ shin-ing in the night. _____

13

One star, _____ shin-ing like a bea - con, _____ glow-ing in the

UNISON MEN (opt. solo)

p

17

heav - ens, _____ shin-ing so bright. _____

(end solo)

21

cresc. *mf decresc.*

FIRST READING: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley, 1744

NARRATOR: Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
CONGREGATION: Born to set Thy people free;
NARRATOR: From our fears and sins release us;
CONGREGATION: Let us find our rest in Thee.
NARRATOR: Israel's strength and consolation;
CONGREGATION: Hope of all the earth Thou art;
NARRATOR: Dear desire of every nation,
CONGREGATION: Joy of every longing heart.

2. WHO IS THIS, A TINY BABY?

Words and Music by
JAY ALTHOUSE

Brightly, in one (♩ = ca. 58-63)

ACCOMP.

mf

5

9

S. *mf*
 A. Who is this, a ti - ny ba - by in a
 T. *mf*
 B.