

*for Alex***THERE WAS A CHILD WENT FORTH**for S.A.B. voices and piano  
with optional SoundTrax CD\*Words by **WALT WHITMAN** (1819-1892)  
Adapted by **DOUGLAS E. WAGNER**Music by  
**DOUGLAS E. WAGNER**With gentle forward motion ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 120$ )

PIANO

7 SOPRANO

ALTO

BARITONE

There — was a

*mp*

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child went forth, \_\_\_\_\_ there \_\_\_\_\_

13

was a child went forth ev - 'ry

16

day; \_\_\_\_\_ And the first thing that he saw, \_\_\_\_\_

*mf* 17 *mf*

and the

19

the first thing that his eyes -  
 first thing that he looked up - on, -

22

re - ceived... he be - came.

26

The grass and morn - ing glo - ries,  
 the

28

the nois - y brood of the barn-  
 sprouts of yel - low corn, —

31

- yard, and the March lambs, — new horn. *mf* The

34

ap - ple trees with their blos - soms *mf*

on strong fruit - bear - ing limbs, — *mf*

37

these be - came — and will al - ways re - main — a

40

part of him. There — was a

43

child went forth, — there —

There — was a child — went

46

was a child went forth ev - 'ry  
forth, \_\_\_\_\_ there was a

49

day; And the  
child went forth ev - day; \_\_\_\_\_

52

first thing that she saw, \_\_\_\_\_  
and the first thing that she

55

the first thing that her eyes re - ceived...  
 looked up - on, —

58

— she be - came. — *mp*  
 The

61

*mp*  
 at sun - set, far a - way, —  
 vil - lage on the high - land

64

the mul - ti - col - ored cloud banks that

67

fade at end of day.

The shim - mer of the riv -

*mf*

70

the lone - ly trav - el - er,

- er,



73

these be-came \_ and will al-ways re-main \_ a part of

76

77

her. There \_ was a child went

79

forth, there \_ was a

82

child went forth ev - 'ry day; And the

85

first thing that he saw, —

and the first thing that she

88

the first thing that their eyes — re - ceived...

looked up - on, —

they be-came. —

*rit.*

*rit. e decresc.*

*mf*  
A child went forth. —

*mf*

*mf*

Ped.