

For Crystie Ewen and Celsie Stagers, my precious children,  
 who each became a mother this year

# A MOTHER'S HANDS

(for General or Christmas use)

SATB, accompanied

Performance time: approx. 4:20

Words and Music by  
 RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM (ASCAP)

With quiet strength (♩ = ca. 78)

ACCOMP. *mp*

S A (unison) *mp* 5

A moth-er's eyes see herchild as a  
 \*When Mar-y's eyes first be-held heav-en's

T B

5

6

treas - ure, and with its cry breathes a sigh of pure  
 treas - ure, His ti - ny cry brought a sigh of pure

T B

\*Alternate text for Christmas use.

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8 *poco rall.*

pleas - ure. A moth - er's hands wipe a salt - y tear a -  
 pleas - ure. And when her hand wiped a salt - y tear a -

*poco rall.*

10 (unis.)

way, then lov - ing - ly pre - pare the meals for the  
 way, she touched the face of God that first Christ - mas

12 13 *a tempo*

day.  
 Day. (unison) *mp*

A moth - er's eyes see po - ten - tial and  
 So, Mar - y set the ex - am - ple for

13 *a tempo*

14

prom - ise, her ba - by's life as an un - paint - ed  
oth - ers, to care for God's pre - cious chil - dren as

16

*mp* *cresc.*

to fill with joy and with light as she  
to give them joy and de - light, while she  
can - vas  
moth - ers

*cresc.*

18

*rall.*

teach - es wrong from right, fill - ing ev - 'ry day with  
teach - es wrong from right, fill - ing ev - 'ry day with

*rall.*