

# THE FRIENDLY BEASTS

For Four-Part Chorus of Mixed Voices  
a cappella

Traditional French  
Arranged by Alice Parker

Simply  $\text{♩} = 132$

Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

*mp*

5

1. Je - sus our broth - er, kind and good, Was hum - bly born in a

*mp*

10

sta - ble rude, And the friend - ly beasts a - round him stood. Je - sus our

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broth - er, kind and good.

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2. "I," said the don - key, shag - gy and brown, "I

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car - ried his Moth - er up hill and down, I car - ried his Moth - er to

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Beth - le - hem town; I," said the don - key, shag - gy and brown.

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3. "I," said the cow, all <sup>35</sup>white and red, "I gave him my man - ger

*p*

*pp*

(Hum) \_\_\_\_\_ (Hum) \_\_\_\_\_

for his <sup>40</sup>bed, I gave him my hay to pil - low his head;

(Hum) \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>45</sup>"I," said the cow, all white and red. <sup>50</sup>"I," said the sheep, \_\_\_\_\_

*mf*

(Hum) \_\_\_\_\_

4. "I," said the sheep with curl - y

"gave him my <sup>55</sup>wool, \_\_\_\_\_

horn, "I gave him my wool for a blan - ket warm, He wore my

on Christ-mas <sup>60</sup>morn, \_\_\_\_\_ I, curl - y horn."

coat - on Christ-mas morn, "I," said the sheep, with curl - y horn.

65

5. "I," said the dove from the raft - ers high, "I cooed him to sleep that he

*mf*

*p*

Proo, proo, proo, proo, cooed him to sleep,

70

should not cry. *espr.* We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I, "I," said the

No, not cry. Ah, Ah, Ah, Ah.

*poco rit.*

80

dove from the raft - ers high. *a tempo*

*mf*

6. Thus every beast, by some good spell In the

Ah, Ah, Ah, Ah.

85

sta - ble dark, was glad to tell Of the gift he gave Em-

90

*rit. al fine*

95

man - u - el, The gift he gave Em - man - u - el.

