

Commissioned by I Cantori, Savannah, Georgia, Dr. Robert L. Harris, Conductor,
in celebration of the life and ministry of John Warren Roper, 1943-1997

A BABE IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM

(SATB divisi, unaccompanied)

Words from the 14th century

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In chant style

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

mp

Al - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ya.

J = ca. 62

mf

3 A Babe is born in Beth - le - hem: Al - le - lu - ya,

p *mf*

6 al - le - lu - ya. Great joy - ance for le - ru - sa - lem.

rit. *p*

9 Al - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ya, al - le -

12 *mp*

lu - ya. The Fa - ther's Word on

15 *mf*

high doth take, al - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ya.

18 *mp* *mf*

A mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake. Al - le - lu - ya,

21 *mp* *rit.* *pp* *Slower (J = ca. 44)*

al - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ya. In nar - row crib he

24 *p*

li - eth low, al - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ya.

Slightly faster (♩ = ca. 54)

27 *mp* King ev - 'ry - where and ev - er - more. *mf* Al - le - lu - ya, al - le -

30 *f rit.* lu - ya. *ff* Now, Yule - tide come, - sing high, - sing - low, *mf*

33 *f* al - le - lu - ya, *p* al - le - lu - ya, *mf* With De - o gra - ci - as,

36 *f* sing al - le - lu - ya, *ff* sing al - le - lu - ya, *rit.* al - le - lu - ya.

Slower (♩ = ca. 44)

39 *sub.p* Al - le - lu - ya, - al - le - lu - ya, *rit.* al - le - lu - ya. *pp*



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