

Noel! op 81

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Duration 3' 20"

Alun Grafton

Moderato ♩. = 66

The musical score is written for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Organ. It is in the key of D major and 6/8 time. The tempo is Moderato, with a metronome marking of ♩. = 66. The score is divided into three systems, each starting with a double bar line (//).
The first system (measures 1-4) features the Tenor and Bass voices with the lyrics "So long a - go on a grass - y hill the". The Organ provides accompaniment. Dynamics include *mf* for the organ and *mf* for the Tenor and Bass.
The second system (measures 5-8) features Soprano and Alto voices with the lyrics "Ho - di - e - sal - va - tor rex". The Tenor and Bass voices have the lyrics "shep - herds heard this song, Ho - di - e sal - va - tor rex". The Organ accompaniment continues. Dynamics include *f* for the organ and *f* for the voices.
The third system (measures 9-12) features Soprano and Alto voices with the lyrics "na tus est,". The Tenor and Bass voices have the lyrics "na - tus est, with hast - y breath and". The Organ accompaniment continues. Dynamics include *mf* for the organ and *mf* for the voices.

13 *mf* Sopranos only

Soprano Alto

The king of kings,

f

Tenor Bass

run -- ning fast we hurr - ied down to see,

Organ

f *mf*

//

17 *p* Sopranos only *pp* Sopranos and Altos

S/A

a ti - ny babe, so small, so frail

T/B

Org

p *pp*

//

21

S/A

was he,

T/B

Org

p *pp*

25 *p*

Soprano
Alto

They knew the pro - mise now ful - filled,

Tenor
Bass

f

Chris - - - te,

Organ

p *f*

//

29 *p*

S/A

How could they know? How could they tell? Their

T/B

do - - mi - ne,

Org

p

//

33 *f* *mf*

S/A

king was sent to die.

T/B

mf

We brought our gift a tin - ny lamb, in

Org

mf

37

Soprano
Alto

p

and there a - mong the low - ly beasts

mf

pp

Tenor
Bass

quiet hu - mi - li - ty, We

Organ

mf

p

//

41

S/A

p

blessed the ho - ly three,

T/B

Organ

pp

p

pp

p

//

45

S/A

f

From far off lands the wise men came res -

T/B

Organ

sf

49 *pp* *p*

Soprano Alto
No - el no - el no - el no - el!

Tenor Bass
pond - ing to the sign, and bend - ing low on

Organ

// 53 *p* *mf*

S/A
No - el no - el no - el no -

T/B
wear - y knee they wor - shipped the di - vine, _____ *f*
Gold

Org

// 57 *f*

S/A
el. No - el no - el

T/B
frank - in - cense and myrrh they brought as gifts be - fore the stall. *f*

Org

61 *f*

Soprano
Alto
no - el no - el,

Tenor
Bass
f
Sym - bol - ic offer - ings for his life to Christ the Lord of

Organ
f

//

65 *mf*

S/A
Two

T/B
mf
all.

Org
mf *f* *mf* *f*

//

69

S/A
thous - and years have now been past since these e - vents oc - curred, _____

T/B
p *mf*
No - el no - el this Christ - mas morn! _____

Org
mf