

It Was a Star

Christmas anthem for SAB voices, keyboard, opt. handbells

Handbells used: (3 octaves)

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Peacefully and unhurried ♩ = c. 58

Keyboard

p

legato

5 *mp*

S,A

It was a star, a star so won - drous bright, that gui - ded shep - herds through the

The musical score is presented in two systems. The first system is for the keyboard, consisting of a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 2/4. The tempo is marked 'Peacefully and unhurried' with a quarter note equal to approximately 58 beats per minute. The dynamics are marked 'p' (piano) and 'legato'. The second system is for the vocal parts, labeled 'S,A' (Soprano and Alto). It begins with a measure rest followed by a measure of music. The dynamics are marked 'mp' (mezzo-piano). The lyrics are: 'It was a star, a star so won - drous bright, that gui - ded shep - herds through the'. The music features various time signatures: 2/4, 3/4, and 2/4.

10

S
night to find a child, to find a child who calm-ly lay in com-mon cloth on bed of hay.

B
mp
To find a child who calm-ly lay in com-mon cloth on bed of hay.

16

21

S
mf
It was a song, a song the an-gels sang, which filled the earth as hea-ven

B
mf
It was a song, a song, a song the an-gels sang, which filled the earth as hea-ven

26 *f* rang "Glo - ry to God!" Pro - claim the ho - ly birth, the Son of God has come to

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f

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31 earth.

earth.

earth.

37 optional handbells

HB

f

It was a gift, a gift from God most high who sent the Son to live and

f

42

HB

poco rit.

die, that we on earth might know God's ways, and live to praise God

poco rit.

poco rit.

46

HB

all our days.