

Dedicated to the Oriana Women's Choir and their director, William Brown

# Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

SSA with piano

Joseph Simpson Cook (1859–1933)

Ruth Watson Henderson

Moderato ♩ = ca. 108

*mf*

The piano introduction consists of two staves in 7/8 time. The right hand features a melody of chords and eighth notes, while the left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

5 *mp*

Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;

*mp*

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*mp*

Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;

The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) enter at measure 5. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar accompaniment pattern. The lyrics are: "Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;".

Duration: 2:30

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*mf*

there He lay, the un - de - filed, to the world a stran - ger.

*mf*

there He lay, the un - de - filed, to the world a stran - ger.

*mf*

there He lay, the un - de - filed, — to the world a stran - ger.

13

*mp*

Such a babe in such a place, can He be the Sav - ior?

*mp*

Such a babe in such a place, can He be the Sav - ior?

*mp*

Such a babe, — can He be the Sav - ior?

17 *cresc.* *f*

Ask the saved of all the race—— who have found His fa - vor.

*cresc.* *f*

Ask the saved of all the race—— who have found His fa - vor.

*cresc.* *f*

Ask the saved of all the race—— who have found His fa - vor.

*cresc.* *f*

21

*mf*

25 *mf*

wise men sought and found Him;

*mf*

wise men sought and found Him;

*mf*

An - gels sang a - bout His birth, —

29 *mp cresc.* *f*

heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, glo - ry all a -

*mp cresc.* *f*

heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, glo - ry all a -

*mp cresc.* *f*

heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, glo - ry all — a -

32 *mf*

round Him. Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight,

*mf*

round Him. Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, —

*mf*

round — Him. Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, —

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heard the an - gels sing - ing; all the plains were

heard the an - gels sing - ing; all the plains were

heard the an - gels sing - ing; all the plains were