

Jesus, Once of Humble Birth

(arranged for soprano/ alto duet or treble chorus)

Text: Parley P. Pratt

Original melody by Giacomo Meyerbeer

Arranged by Brian D. Petersen

*With much rubato and expression;
not metronomic or hurried*

♩ = 90

The musical score is arranged in three systems. The first system shows the vocal staves for Soprano and Alto, which are currently empty, and the Piano accompaniment. The piano part begins with a *mp* dynamic and features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The second system starts at measure 8 and includes lyrics for both vocal parts: "Je - sus, once of hum - ble birth, Now in glo - ry". The piano accompaniment continues with a *mf* dynamic. The third system starts at measure 16 and includes lyrics: "comes to earth. Once he suf - fered grief and pain;". The piano accompaniment continues with a *mp* dynamic.

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24 *f* *mp*

S Now he comes on earth to reign. Now he comes on earth — to

A Now he comes on earth to reign. Now he comes on earth — to

31 *mp*

S reign. ————— Once a meek and low - ly

A reign. ————— Once a meek and low - ly

38

S Lamb. ————— Now the Lord, the great — I Am. —————

A Lamb. ————— Now the Lord, the great — I Am. —————

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45

S
Once up - on the cross he bowed; _____ Now his char - iot is ___ the

A
Once up - on the cross he bowed; _____ Now his char - iot is the

53

S
cloud. Now his char - iot is ___ the cloud. _____

A
cloud. Now his char - iot is ___ the cloud. _____

61

S
mp $\text{♩} = 80$
Once he groaned in blood and
(with soul - felt sorrow)

A
Once he groaned in blood and

a tempo *poco rit.* *a tempo* *poco rit.* $\text{♩} = 80$

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a tempo

68

S
tears, _____ Now in glo - ry he ap - pears. _____ Once re -

A
tears, _____ Now in glo - ry he ap - pears. _____ Once re -

poco rit. *a tempo*

76

S
ject - ed by his own, Now their king he shall be known, Now their

A
ject - ed by his own, Now their king he shall be known, Now their

84

S
king he shall be known. _____ Once for -

A
king he shall be known. _____ Once for -

poco rit. $\text{♩} = 88$ *a tempo* *(with emotion)* *(emphasize the first beat, then fade)*

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93

S sa - ken, left — a - lone, Now ex - al - ted to — a throne.

A sa - ken, left — a - lone, Now ex - al - ted to — a throne.

101

S Once all things he meek - ly bore, But he now will bear no

A Once all things he — meek - ly bore, But he now will bear no

f

108

S more. But he now will bear — no more. Je - sus,

A more. But he now will bear — no more. Je - sus,

mf *mp*

(very small rit.)

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115

poco rit. *pp*

S
once of hum - ble birth.

pp

A
once of hum - ble, hum-ble birth.

poco rit. *rit.* *pp* (r.h.)

(l.h.)

pp (sustain pedal - l.h.)