

For Otis, Robin, Bob and Sarah Coulson

Welcome Song for the Baby Jesus

Unison Voices and Keyboard

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Gently ♩ = ca. 92

Unison Voices

Keyboard

p

mp Al - le - lu, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia. *rit.*

poco cresc. *mp* *rit.*

a tempo Ba - by Je - sus, born in a sta - ble long, long a - go,

a tempo

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poco animato

Where were the horns and tam - bou - rines and cym - bals,

poco animato

poco rit. *Tempo 1*

drums and bells to show you were God's own?

poco rit. *Tempo 1*

rit.

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

rit.

a tempo

Ba - by Je - sus, sleep - ing in a man - ger, qui - et and still,

a tempo

poco animato

Did you hear the shep - herds call - ing in ex - cite - ment,

poco animato

poco rit. *Tempo I*

run - ning down from Beth - lem's star - lit hills?

poco rit. *Tempo I*

mf *rit.*

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

poco cresc. *mf* *rit.*

Tempo I

Ba - by Je - sus, sleep - ing near your moth - er in ho - ly peace,

Tempo I

poco animato

Did you see the Wise Men rid - ing on their cam - els,

poco animato

poco rit. *Tempo I*

bring - ing rich - es from the dis - tant East?

poco rit. *Tempo I*

rit.

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

rit.

a tempo

Ba - by Je - sus, drums and bells and horns you did not hear,

a tempo

poco animato

But the an - gels sang you joy - ful wel - come,

poco animato

poco rit. *Tempo I*

throng - ing in the mid - night air so clear!

poco rit. *Tempo I*

rit.

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu. Wel - come, wel - come!

rit.

slightly slower
mp

Ba - by Je - sus, now we come to greet you

mp *slightly slower*

in the man-ger there. Wel - come! Sleep in calm and safe - ty,

in your moth - er's gen - tle, lov - ing care.

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu. Wel - come, lit - tle

poco rit.

a tempo
p
Babe!

p a tempo *molto rit. et dim. al fine* *pp*