



**Carol Barnett**

# I SING THE BIRTH

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**V. Inextinguishable Blaze**

For divisi chorus and percussion

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## I SING THE BIRTH

I sing the birth was born tonight,  
The author both of life and light;  
    The angels so did sound it,  
And like the ravished shepherds said,  
    Who saw the light and were afraid,  
Yet searched, and true they found it.

The Son of God, the Eternal King,  
    That did us all salvation bring,  
    And freed the soul from danger;  
He whom the whole world could not take,  
The Word, which heaven and earth did make,  
    Was now laid in a manger.

The Father's wisdom willed it so,  
The son's obedience knew no No,  
    Both wills were in one stature;  
And as that wisdom had decreed,  
The Word was now made flesh indeed,  
    And took on him our nature.

What comfort by him we do win,  
Who made himself the price of sin,  
    To make us heirs of Glory!  
To see this babe, all innocence,  
A martyr born in our defense,  
    Can man forget the story?

*Ben Jonson (1572-1637)*

Duration: c. 3:15

PERCUSSION  
vibraphone  
woodblocks (high, medium, low)  
mark tree (with damper)  
2 Chinese opera gongs (one decaying up)  
suspended cymbal

*Commissioned by the South Bend Chamber Singers, Nancy Menk, Music Director,  
for their Christmas at Loretto concert, December 2003.*

# I Sing the Birth

## I. I Sing the Birth

Ben Jonson (1572-1637)

Carol Barnett

Jubilant; c.  $\text{♩} = 66$   
vibes: motor off  
med. hd. mal.

Percussion

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Keyboard (for rehearsal only)

*For private performance only  
Piano eyes  
Publising*

## I. I Sing the Birth

Perc.

S

A

T

B

Kybd.

*the an-gels so did sound it,*

*the an-gels so did sound it,*

*And like the rav-ished shep - herds said,*

*mark tree*

Perc.

S

A

T

B

Kybd.

*who saw, who saw, who saw the light,*

*who saw, who saw, who saw the light,*

*And like the rav-ished shep - herds said, who saw, who saw, who saw the light,*

*And like the rav-ished shep - herds said, who saw, who saw, who saw the light,*

## I. I Sing the Birth

3

18 Ch.o.g. wdblks.  
Perc. (med/lo/hi) vibes.

S — and were a - afraid, yet searched, yet searched, \_\_\_\_\_ and true they found

A — and were a - afraid, yet searched, yet searched, \_\_\_\_\_ and true they found

T — and were a - afraid, yet searched, yet searched, \_\_\_\_\_ and true they found

B — and were a - afraid, yet searched, yet searched, \_\_\_\_\_ and true they found

Kybd. { 18

Perc. 26 ad lib.

S it. —

A it. —

T 8 it. —

B it. —

Kybd. { 26

## I. I Sing the Birth

Perc.

*d = c. 66 (d = d)*

S

A

T  
8 The Son of God, th'e - ter - nal King, \_\_\_\_\_ that did us all sal -

B  
th'e - ter - nal King, \_\_\_\_\_ that did us all sal -

*d = c. 66 (d = d)*

Kybd.

Perc.

*dim.*

*p*

*d = c. 132 (d = d)*

S  
*mf* ...and freed the soul from dan - ger; \_\_\_\_\_ He whom

A  
*mf* ...and freed the soul from dan - ger; \_\_\_\_\_ He whom

T  
8 va - tion bring, \_\_\_\_\_ and freed the soul from dan - ger, and freed the soul from dan - ger; *mp*

B  
va - tion bring, \_\_\_\_\_ and freed the soul from dan - ger, and freed the soul from dan - ger; *mp*

*d = c. 132 (d = d)*

Kybd.

## I. I Sing the Birth

5

42

Perc. hi wdblk. *p*

S — the whole world could not take, He whom — the whole world could not take, the Word, *cresc.*

A — the whole world could not take, He whom — the whole world could not take, the Word, *cresc.*

T — the Word, the *p* *cresc.*

B — the Word, the *p* *cresc.*

Kybd.

48

Perc. sus. cym. *mp* *p* *mf*

S — the Word, which heav'n and earth did make, was now *f*

A — the Word, which heav'n and earth did make, was now *f*

T — Word, the Word, which heav'n and earth did make, was now *f*

B — Word, the Word, which heav'n and earth did make, was now *f*

Kybd.

## I. I Sing the Birth

54

Perc.                              vibes.  
*mf*                              cresc.

S                              laid in a man - ger.

A                              laid in a man - ger.

T                              8 laid in a man - ger.

B                              laid in a man - ger.

Kybd.

62

Perc.                              *f*                              *mf*  
*ad lib.*

S                              *f*

A

T                              *f*

B

Kybd.

*J = c. 66 (d = ♩)*

The Fa - ther's wis - dom willed it so,

The Fa - ther's wis - dom willed it so,

*J = c. 66 (d = ♩)*

## I. I Sing the Birth

7

Perc.

S

A

T

B

Kybd.

the Son's o - be-dience knew no No; both wills were in one stat - ure;

the Son's o - be-dience knew no No; both wills were in one stat - ure;

the Son's o - be-dience knew no No; both wills were in one stat - ure;

the Son's o - be-dience knew no No; both wills were in one stat - ure;

the Son's o - be-dience knew no No; both wills were in one stat - ure;

the Son's o - be-dience knew no No; both wills were in one stat - ure;

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 132 (\text{♩} = \text{♩})$

hi wdblk.

Perc.

S

A

T

B

Kybd.

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 132 (\text{♩} = \text{♩})$

cresc.

and as that wis - dom had \_\_\_\_\_ de - creed,

and as that wis - dom had \_\_\_\_\_ de - creed,

and as that wis - dom had \_\_\_\_\_ de - creed,

and as that wis - dom had \_\_\_\_\_ de - creed,

and as that wis - dom had \_\_\_\_\_ de - creed,

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 132 (\text{♩} = \text{♩})$

## I. I Sing the Birth

78

Perc.      *cresc.*      mark tree      Ch.o.g. ↗

S      the Word, \_\_\_\_\_ the Word \_\_\_\_\_ was now made flesh in - deed, and took \_\_\_\_\_

A      Word, the Word, the Word was now made flesh in - deed, and took \_\_\_\_\_

T      8 Word, the Word, the Word was now made flesh in - deed, and took \_\_\_\_\_

B      the Word, \_\_\_\_\_ the Word \_\_\_\_\_ was now made flesh in - deed, and took \_\_\_\_\_

Kybd. {

85      Ch.o.g. →      Ch.o.g. ↗      vibes.     

Perc.      *mp*      *mf*

S      on him our na - ture.      *mf*

A      on him our na - ture.      *mf*

T      8 on him our na - ture.      *mf*

B      on him our na - ture.      *mf*

Kybd. {

## I. I Sing the Birth

9

93

Perc. ad lib.

S

A

T

B

Kybd.

*d = c. 66 (d = d)*

*p*

What com - fort by him do we

*p*

What com - fort by him do we

*p*

What com - fort by him do we

*p*

What com - fort by him do we

*d = c. 66 (d = d)*

99

Perc.

S

A

T

B

Kybd.

*mp*

win, who made him - self the price — of sin, to make us heirs — of

*mp*

win, who made him - self the price — of sin, to make us heirs — of

*mp*

win, who made him - self the price — of sin, to make us heirs — of

*mp*

win, who made him - self the price — of sin, to make us heirs — of

*mp*

## I. I Sing the Birth

Perc. 105 *mp* *pp* *pp* *p*

S glo - ry!

A glo - ry!

T 8 glo - ry! *pp* To see this babe, all in - no - cence, to see this babe, all

B glo - ry! To see this babe, all in - no - cence, to see this babe, all

Kybd.

*d = c. 132 (d = d)* hi wdblk.

*d = c. 132 (d = d)*

Perc. 112 sus. cym. *p* *mf*

S A mar - tyr, a mar - tyr, a mar - tyr, mar - tyr, mar - tyr born *cresc.*

A A mar - tyr, a mar - tyr, a mar - tyr, mar - tyr, mar - tyr born *cresc.*

T 8 in - no - cence, a mar - tyr, a mar - tyr, a mar - tyr, mar - tyr born *cresc.*

B in - no - cence, a mar - tyr, a mar - tyr, a mar - tyr, mar - tyr born *f*

Kybd.

## I. I Sing the Birth

11

*118 Ch.o.g.*

Perc.      vibes.

S      — in our de - fence, — can man — for - get the sto -

A      — in our de - fence, — can man — for - get the sto -

T      8 — in our de - fence, — can man — for - get the sto -

B      — in our de - fence, — can man — for - get the sto -

Kybd.

*127*

Perc.      ad lib.

S      ry? —

A      ry? —

T      8 ry? —

B      ry? —

Kybd.

*133*

Perc.      *ff* attacca



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## QUEM PASTORES

Quem pastores laudavere,  
Quibus angeli dixere,  
Absit vobis jam timere,  
Natus est rex gloriae.

Ad quem magi ambulabant,  
Aurum, thus, myrrham portabant.  
Immolabant haec sincere  
Nato regi gloriae.

Christo regi, Deo nato,  
Per Mariam nobis dato,  
Merito resonet vere  
Laus, honor et gloria.  
*German, 14<sup>th</sup> century*

He whom the shepherds praised,  
To whom the angels said,  
Do not be afraid now,  
Born is the king of glory.

To whom the wise men journeyed,  
Bringing gold, frankincense and myrrh,  
They offered these sincerely  
To the newborn king of glory.

To Christ the King, to God who is born,  
Given to us through Mary,  
To the one deserving praise, let there truly resound  
Praise, honor and glory.

*Translated by Soterios Stavrou  
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Duration: c. 1:30

### PERCUSSION

marimba

triangle

low woodblock

suspended cymbal

2 Chinese opera gongs (one decaying up)

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# I Sing the Birth

## II. Quem pastores

German, 14th century

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**Joyful;**  $\text{♩} = \text{c. 84}$   
mba. - hd. mal. (don't roll unless marked)

Percussion

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Keyboard (for rehearsal only)

quem pas - to - res lau - da - ve - re, quem pas - to - res lau - da - ve - re, quem pas - to - res lau - da - ve - re,

quem pas - to - res lau - da - ve - re, quem pas - to - res lau - da - ve - re,

quem pas - to - res lau - da - ve - re,

## II. Quem pastores

Perc.

S

A

T

B

Kybd.

5

qui - bus an - ge - li dix - e - re,

qui - bus an - ge - li dix - e - re, ab - sit vo - bis jam ti - me - re, ab - sit vo - bis jam ti - me - re,

8 qui - bus an - ge - li dix - e - re, ab - sit vo - bis jam ti - me - re,

qui - bus an - ge - li dix - e - re,

5

8

9

na - tus est rex glo - ri - ae.

ab - sit vo - bis jam ti - me - re, na - tus est rex glo - ri - ae.

8 ab - sit vo - bis jam ti - me - re, na - tus est rex glo - ri - ae.

9

ab - sit vo - bis jam ti - me - re, na - tus est rex glo - ri - ae. Ad

5

8

9

na - tus est rex glo - ri - ae.

ab - sit vo - bis jam ti - me - re, na - tus est rex glo - ri - ae.

9

na - tus est rex glo - ri - ae.

Perc.

S

A

T

B

Kybd.

9

na - tus est rex glo - ri - ae.

ab - sit vo - bis jam ti - me - re, na - tus est rex glo - ri - ae.

8 ab - sit vo - bis jam ti - me - re, na - tus est rex glo - ri - ae.

9

ab - sit vo - bis jam ti - me - re, na - tus est rex glo - ri - ae.

## II. Quem pastores

13

Perc.

S

A

T

B

Kybd.

Ad quem ma - gi am - bu - la - bant, au - rum, —

Ad quem ma - gi am - bu - la - bant, ad quem, au - rum, —

Ad quem ma - gi am - bu - la - bant, quem ma - gi am - bu - la - bant, au - rum, —

quem ma - gi am - bu - la - bant, ad quem, au - rum, —

17

Perc.

S

A

T

B

Kybd.

trgl.  
lo wdblk.

pp  
**p**

thus, myr-rham por - ta - bant. Im-mo-la - bant haec sin - ce - re, im-mo-la - bant haec sin -

thus, myr-rham por - ta - bant. Im-mo-la - bant haec sin - ce - re, im-mo-la - bant haec sin -

thus, myr-rham por - ta - bant. Im-mo-la - bant haec sin - ce - re,

thus, myr-rham por - ta - bant. Im-mo-la - bant haec sin - ce - re,

## II. Quem pastores

21 sus. cym.

Perc. *pp*

S *cresc.*  
ce - re, im-mo - la - bant, im-mo - la - bant, im - mo - la - bant, na - to re - gi

A *cresc.*  
ce - re, im-mo - la - bant, im-mo - la - bant, im - mo - la - bant, na - to re - gi

T *mp*  
im-mo - la - bant haec sin - ce - re, im-mo - la - bant, im - mo - la - bant, na - to re - gi

B *mp*  
im-mo - la - bant haec sin - ce - re, im-mo - la - bant, im - mo - la - bant, na - to re - gi

Kybd.

25 Ch.o.g. → Ch.o.g. → sus. cym. mba. >

Perc. *f*

S glo - - - ri - ae. Chris - to

A glo - - - ri - ae. Chris - to

T glo - - - ri - ae. Chris - to

B glo - - - ri - ae. Chris - to

Kybd.

## II. Quem pastores

5

Perc.

S

A

T

B

Kybd.

29

re - gi, De - o na - to, per Ma -

re - gi, De - o na - to, per Ma -

re - gi, De - o na - to, per Ma -

re - gi, De - o na - to, per Ma -

re - gi, De - o na - to, per Ma -

29

re - gi, De - o na - to, per Ma -

re - gi, De - o na - to, per Ma -

re - gi, De - o na - to, per Ma -

re - gi, De - o na - to, per Ma -

Perc.

S

A

T

B

Kybd.

33

ri - am no - bis da - to, me - ri - to

ri - am no - bis da - to, me - ri - to

ri - am no - bis da - to, me - ri - to

ri - am no - bis da - to, me - ri - to

33

ri - am no - bis da - to, me - ri - to

ri - am no - bis da - to, me - ri - to

ri - am no - bis da - to, me - ri - to

ri - am no - bis da - to, me - ri - to

## II. Quem pastores

Perc.

S

A

T

B

Kybd.

37

re - so - net ve - re \_\_\_\_\_ laus, \_\_\_\_\_

re - so - net ve - re \_\_\_\_\_ laus, \_\_\_\_\_

re - so - net ve - re \_\_\_\_\_ laus, \_\_\_\_\_

re - so - net ve - re \_\_\_\_\_ laus, \_\_\_\_\_

re - so - net ve - re \_\_\_\_\_ laus, \_\_\_\_\_

37

re - so - net ve - re \_\_\_\_\_ laus, \_\_\_\_\_

re - so - net ve - re \_\_\_\_\_ laus, \_\_\_\_\_

re - so - net ve - re \_\_\_\_\_ laus, \_\_\_\_\_

re - so - net ve - re \_\_\_\_\_ laus, \_\_\_\_\_

re - so - net ve - re \_\_\_\_\_ laus, \_\_\_\_\_

Perc.

S

A

T

B

Kybd.

41

3

3

cresc.  
cresc.

ff

ho - nor et glo - ri a. \_\_\_\_\_

ho - nor et glo - ri a. \_\_\_\_\_

ho - nor et glo - ri a. \_\_\_\_\_

ho - nor et glo - ri a. \_\_\_\_\_

41

ff

ho - nor et glo - ri a. \_\_\_\_\_

ho - nor et glo - ri a. \_\_\_\_\_

41

ff

ho - nor et glo - ri a. \_\_\_\_\_

ho - nor et glo - ri a. \_\_\_\_\_



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## BALULALOW

O my deare hert, young Jesu sweit,  
Prepare thy creddil in my spreit,  
And I sall rock thee in my hert,  
And never mair from thee depart.

But I sall praise thee evermore,  
With sanges sweit unto thy gloir:  
The knees of my hert sall I bow,  
And sing that richt balulalow.

*Wedderburn, 1567*

duration: c. 3:30

PERCUSSION  
marimba

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## III. Balulalow

Wedderburn, 1567

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$\text{♩} = \text{c. 126; serene}$   
Marimba mba. - soft mal. (roll as necessary to sustain)

$\text{♩} = \text{c. 126; serene}$   
Soprano Ba - lu - la - low. O my deare hert, young Je - su sweit, \_\_\_  
Alto Ba - lu - la - low. O my deare hert, young Je - su sweit, \_\_\_  
Tenor Ba - lu - la - low. ba -  
Bass Ba - lu - la - low, ba -  
Keyboard (for rehearsal only)  $\text{♩} = \text{c. 126; serene}$

The musical score consists of six staves. The top staff is for the Marimba, which begins with a dynamic 'p' and a roll instruction. The subsequent staves are for the Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass voices, each singing the phrase 'Balulalow' and 'O my deare hert, young Je - su sweit,'. The bottom staff is for the Keyboard (for rehearsal only), providing harmonic support with sustained chords. The tempo is indicated as c. 126 BPM, and the key signature is common time throughout.

## III. Balulalow

Mba.

S

A

T

B

Kybd.

Pre - pare thy cred - dil in my spreit, And I sall rock thee

Pre - pare thy cred - dil in my spreit, And I sall rock thee

lu - la - low ba - lu - la - low, And I sall rock thee

lu - la - low, ba - lu - la low, And I sall rock thee

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## III. Balulalow

Mba.

S in my hert, And nev - er mair from thee de - part.

A in my hert, And nev - er mair from thee de - part.

T in my hert, And nev - er mair from thee de - part, ba - lu - la -

B in my hert, And nev - er mair from thee de - part.

Kybd.

## III. Balulalow

Mba.

S

A

T

B

Kybd.

17

*p/pp*

*mp/p*

*p/pp*

*p/pp*

*p/pp*

## III. Balulalow

22

Mba.

Soprano (S)

Alto (A)

Tenor (T)

Bass (B)

Kybd.

*sang - es sweit un - to thy gloir:* The knees of my

*sang - es sweit un - to thy gloir:* The knees of my

*sang - es sweit un - to thy gloir:* The knees of my

*sang - es sweit un - to thy gloir:* The knees of my

*sang - es sweit un - to thy gloir:* The knees of my

## III. Balulalow

Mba.

S

A

T

B

Kybd.

27

27

dim.

hert sall— I bow, And sing— that richt ba - lu - la -

dim.

hert sall— I bow, ba - lu, ba - lu - la - low, And sing— that richt ba - lu - la -

dim.

8 hert sall— I bow, ba - lu, ba - lu - la - low, And sing— that richt ba - lu - la -

dim.

hert sall— I bow, And sing, ba - lu, ba - lu - la -

27

## III. Balulalow

Mba.

*p/pp*

low.

O my deare hert, young Je - su sweit,

*p/pp*

low.

O my deare hert, young Je - su sweit,

*p/pp*

low, ba - lu - la - low, ba - lu - la - low.

*p/pp*

low.

Ba -

Kybd.

## III. Balulalow

Mba.

S

A

T

B

Kybd.

36 2.

**pp**

Ba - lu - la - low.

**(pp)**

**8 low.**

**(pp)**

Ba - lu - la - low.

**2.**

**(pp)**

Ba - lu - la - low.

**36 2.**

**(pp)**



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## THE BIRDS

When Jesus Christ was four years old,  
The angels brought Him toys of gold,  
Which no man ever had bought or sold.

And yet with these He would not play.  
He made Him small fowl out of clay,  
And blessed them till they flew away:  
*Tu creasti Domine.*

Jesus Christ, Thou child so wise,  
Bless mine hands and fill mine eyes,  
And bring my soul to Paradise.

*Hilaire Belloc (1870-1953)*

duration: c. 2:00

### PERCUSSION

marimba  
small angklung  
woodblocks (high, medium, low)  
triangle  
2 Chinese opera gongs (one decaying up)  
egg shaker  
suspended cymbal  
Udala seed rattle

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## IV. The Birds

Hilaire Belloc (1916)

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**Percussion**

**Soprano**

**Alto**

**Tenor**

**Bass**

**Keyboard (for rehearsal only)**

*Childlike;  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 92$ ;  $\text{♪ constant}$*

angk.  
*mf*

hi wdblks.  
*mp*

wdblks.  
(hi/med/lo)

mba. - med. hd. mal.  
*mf*

*Childlike;  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 92$ ;  $\text{♪ constant}$*

*mf*

When Je - sus Christ was four years old,

*Childlike;  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 92$ ;  $\text{♪ constant}$*

## IV. The Birds

Perc. 5 trgl. Ch.o.g. → wdblks. Ch.o.g.

S 5 the an - gels brought Him toys of gold, which no man e'er had

A the an - gels brought Him toys of gold, which no man e'er had

Kybd. 5

Perc. 10 egg shaker sus. cym.

S bought or sold. *mfp*

A bought or sold. *p*

T 8 Ah ah the an - gels brought Him toys of gold. *mp*

B Ah ah the an - gels brought Him toys of gold. *mp*

Kybd. 10

## IV. The Birds

15

Perc.

T

B

Kybd.

angk.

*mf*

*mp*

*mf*

sus. cym.  
(scrape w. trgl. btr.)

*mp*

And yet with these He would not  
And yet with these He would not

15

*mf*

angk.

*mf*

*trgl.*

*mp*

*mf*

play. \_\_\_\_\_ He made Him small fowl out of clay, \_\_\_\_\_  
play. \_\_\_\_\_ He made Him small fowl out of clay, \_\_\_\_\_

Kybd.

21

*mf*

*mp*

*mf*

*trgl.*

*mp*

*mf*

play. \_\_\_\_\_ He made Him small fowl out of clay, \_\_\_\_\_

## IV. The Birds

27      angk.

Perc.

Ch.o.g. → Ch.o.g.

hi wdblk.

S      and blessed them till they flew *dim.*

A      and blessed them till they flew *dim.*

T      and blessed them till they flew *dim.*

B      and blessed them till they flew *dim.*

Kybd.

## IV. The Birds

34

Perc. med. wdblck. Udala seed rattle

S Tu cre-as - ti Do-mi-ne. Je - sus

A Tu cre-as - ti Do-mi-ne. Je - sus

T Tu cre - as - ti Do-mi-ne. Je - sus

B Do - mi - ne. Je - sus

Kybd.

## IV. The Birds

40

Perc. egg shaker *mp*

S Christ, Thou child so wise, Bless mine hands and fill mine eyes, And

A Christ, Thou child so wise, Bless mine hands and fill mine eyes, *p*

T Christ, Thou child so wise, Bless mine hands and fill mine eyes, And

B Christ, Thou child so wise, Bless mine hands and fill mine eyes, *p*

Kybd.

48 Ch.o.g. → Ch.o.g. → sus. cym. → sus. cym. trgl.

Perc. *p* *pp*

S bring my soul to Par - a - dise. *p*

A my soul to Par - a - dise. *p*

T bring my soul to Par - a - dise. *p*

B to Par - a - dise. *p*

Kybd.

segue to mvt. V



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# I SING THE BIRTH

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For divisi chorus and percussion

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## INEXTINGUISHABLE BLAZE

O Thou Who camest from above,  
The pure celestial fire to impart,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for Thy glory burn  
With inextinguishable blaze,  
And trembling to its source return,  
In humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
To work and speak and think for Thee;  
Still let me guard the holy fire,  
And still stir up Thy gift in me.

Ready for all Thy perfect will,  
My acts of faith and love repeat,  
'Til death Thy endless mercies seal,  
And make my sacrifice complete.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

duration: c. 3:00

### PERCUSSION

vibraphone

suspended cymbal

tam-tam

2 Chinese gongs (one decaying up)  
triangle

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for their Christmas at Loretto concert, December 2003.*

# I Sing the Birth

## V. Inextinguishable Blaze

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Carol Barnett

**Percussion**

**Soprano**

**Alto**

**Tenor**

**Bass**

**Keyboard (for rehearsal only)**

*vibes - motor off  
med. hd. mal. 5*

**Instrumentation:** Percussion, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, Keyboard (for rehearsal only).

**Performance Instructions:**

- Percussion:** Vibes - motor off, med. hd. mal. 5.
- Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass:** Dynamics: **p**. Key signature: F major (one sharp). Time signature:  $\frac{3}{4}$  throughout.
- Keyboard (for rehearsal only):** Dynamics: **p**. Key signature: F major (one sharp). Time signature:  $\frac{3}{4}$  throughout.

**Text:**

O Thou Who cam - est from a - bove, The pure ce - les-tial

**Tempo:**  $\text{♩} = 63$ ; fervent

**Rehearsal Mark:** 5

## V. Inextinguishable Blaze

7

Perc.

S

A

T

B

Kybd.

sus. cym.  
soft mal.

*pp*

*mp* *p sub.*

*mp* *p sub.*

*mp* *p sub.*

*p*

fire t'im - part, Kin - dle, kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love On the mean

fire t'im - part, Kin - dle, kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love On the mean

fire t'im - part, Kin - dle, kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love On the mean

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## V. Inextinguishable Blaze

13 tam-tam

Perc. *pp*

S *mp* al - tar — of my heart. There let it for Thy glo - ry burn

A *mp* al - tar — of my heart. There let it for Thy

T *mp* al - tar — of my heart. There let it for Thy glo - ry

B *mp* al - tar — of my heart.

Kybd.

## V. Inextinguishable Blaze

17

Perc.

Soprano (S)

Alto (A)

Tenor (T)

Bass (B)

Keyboard (Kybd)

Ch.o.g. →

*cresc. poco a poco*

With in - ex -  
ah,

*cresc. poco a poco*

With in - ex -  
ah,

*cresc. poco a poco*

With in - ex -  
ah,

*cresc. poco a poco*

With in - ex -  
ah,

There let it for thy glo - ry burn

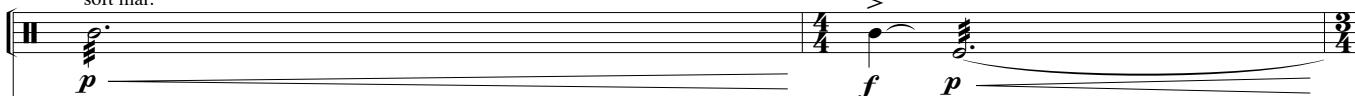
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Ch.o.g. →

*p*

## V. Inextinguishable Blaze

21 sus. cym.  
soft mal.

Perc. 

S   
tin-guish - a - ble, in - ex - tin - guish - a - ble, in - ex - tin - guish - a - ble blaze,  
ah -

A   
tin-guish - a - ble, in - ex - tin - guish - a - ble, in - ex - tin - guish - a - ble blaze,  
ah -

T   
tin-guish - a - ble, in - ex - tin - guish - a - ble, in - ex - tin - guish - a - ble blaze,  
ah -

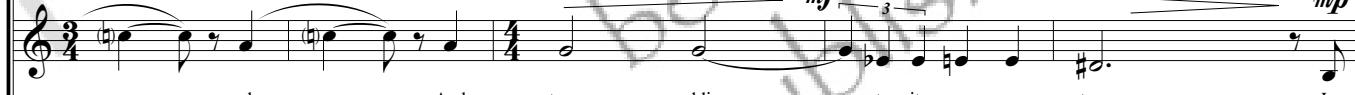
B   
in - ex - tin - guish - a - ble blaze, (there let it for Thy glo - ry burn,) ah -

Kybd. 

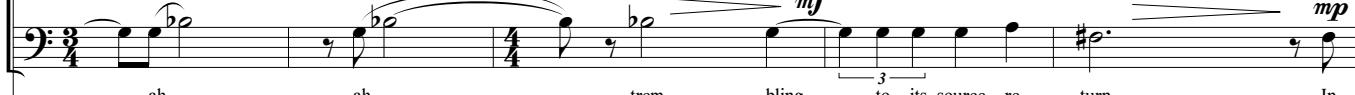
23 sus. cym. tam-tam - edge  
dr. stk. 5

Perc. 

S   
ah - And trem - bling to its source re - turn, In

A   
ah - And trem - bling to its source re - turn, In

T   
ah - And trem - bling to its source re - turn, In

B   
ah - ah - trem - bling to its source re - turn, In

Kybd. 

## V. Inextinguishable Blaze

Perc.

28

tam-tam/sus. cym.  
soft mal.

**p**

vibes. - med. hd. mal.

**5**

**mp**

(med. hd. mal.)  
Ch.o.g.s

trgl.  
(btr.)

sus. cym.  
tam-tam

**mf**

**p**

S

hum - ble prayer and fer - vent praise.

**p**

A

hum - ble prayer and fer - vent praise.

**p**

T

8 hum - ble prayer and fer - vent praise.

**p**

B

hum - ble prayer and fer - vent praise.

**p**

Kybd.

28

**p**

## V. Inextinguishable Blaze

Perc.

S

A

T

B

Kybd.

*cresc. poco a poco*

Je - sus, con - firm my heart's de - sire To work and speak and think for

*cresc. poco a poco*

Je - sus, con - firm my heart's de - sire To work and speak and think for

*cresc. poco a poco*

Je - sus, con - firm my heart's de - sire To work and speak and think for

*cresc. poco a poco*

Je - sus, con - firm my heart's de - sire To work and speak and think for

## V. Inextinguishable Blaze

38

Perc.

**Soprano (S) lyrics:**

Thee; Still, still let me guard the ho - ly fire, And still,

**Alto (A) lyrics:**

Thee; Still, still let me guard the ho - ly fire, And still,

**Tenor (T) lyrics:**

Thee; Still, still let me guard the ho - ly fire, And still,

**Bass (B) lyrics:**

Thee; Still, still let me guard the ho - ly fire, And still,

**Keyboard (Kybd) lyrics:**

Thee; Still, still let me guard the ho - ly fire, And still,

sus. cym.  
soft mal.

43

Perc.

vibes. - med. hd. mal.

S

and still stir up Thy gift in me.

A

and still stir up Thy gift in me.

T

8 and still stir up Thy gift in me.

B

and still stir up Thy gift in me.

Kybd.

## V. Inextinguishable Blaze

47

Perc.

S

Read - y for all Thy per - fect, per - fect will, My

A

Read - y for all Thy per - fect, per - fect will, My

T

8

Read - y for all Thy per - fect will, My

B

Read - y for all Thy per - fect will, My

Kybd.

47

6

6

6

6

6

6

6

6

6

## V. Inextinguishable Blaze

50 sus. cym.  
soft mal.

Perc.

tam-tam  
dr. stk. 5 sus. cym.  
(stk.) Ch.o.g.s  
(stk.)

S acts of faith and love re - peat, "Til

A acts of faith and love re - peat, (read - y for all Thy per - fect will) 'Til

T acts of faith and love re - peat, (read - y for all Thy per - fect will) 'Til

B acts of faith... (read - y for all Thy per - fect will) 'Til

Kybd.

## V. Inextinguishable Blaze

54

Perc.

vibes. - med. hd. mal.

**p**

S

death Thy end - less mer - cies seal, And make my sac - ri -

A

death Thy end - less mer - cies seal, And make my sac - ri -

T

8 death Thy end - less mer - cies seal, And make my sac - ri -

B

death Thy end - less mer - cies seal, And make my sac - ri -

Kybd.

tam-tam  
soft mal.

*buddy eyes*

*Publising*

## V. Inextinguishable Blaze

58

Perc.

vibes. - med. hd. mal. 5

Ch.o.g.s sus. cym. trgl. (btr.)

S

fice com - plete.

A

fice com - plete.

T

8 fice com - plete.

B

fice com - plete.

Kybd.

58