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I sing of a maiden

carol for unaccompanied mixed voices

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*This carol was commissioned by and written for
Christopher Gray, Joseph Wicks and the Choir of Truro Cathedral.*

*The piece was first performed at the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
in Truro Cathedral on 24th December 2018.*

I sing of a maiden

I sing of a maiden
That is makeless,*
King of all kinges
To her son she ches.**

He came all so stille
Where his mother was,
As dew in April
That falleth on the grass.

He came all so stille
To his mother's bow'r,
As dew in April
That falleth on the flow'r.

He came all so stille
Where his mother lay,
As dew in April
That falleth on the spray.***

Mother and maiden
Was never none but she;
Well may such a lady
Godes mother be.

Anon. (15th century, from Sloane MS)

* makeless = without equal

** ches = she, a maiden, chose to give birth to the King of kings

*** spray = a slender shoot

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Anon., 15th century

NEIL COX

Like a lullaby, with tenderness
and great stillness $\text{♩} = c.50$

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

5 *mp*

I sing of a maid - en That is ma - ke - less,

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King of all king - es To her son she ches.

A

15

pp

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p

cresc.

mp

27

B 31

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35

C

39 *p*

oo oo

oo oo oo

oo oo

oo

43 *mp*

oo oo

oo He came all so still - e Where his

mp He came all so still - e Where his mo - ther lay,

mp He came all so still - e Where his mo - ther lay,

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47 *mf*

oo

mo - ther lay, As dew in A - pril that fall - eth on the

As dew in A - pril that fall - eth on the spray.

As dew in A - pril that fall - eth on the spray.

51

p

p

spray.

p

p

D

54

pp

pp

pp

pp

58

p

Mo - ther and maid - en Was nev - er none but she;

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Well may such a la - - dy

66

p

God - es mo - - ther be.

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molto rit.

70

pp

God - - - es mo - - - ther be.

God - - - - es mo - - - ther be.

God - - - - es mo - - - ther be.

God - - - - es mo - - - ther be.