

for Grenville Hancox and Cantata

Kings and Shepherds

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from the poem, O Magnum Mysterium

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OBOE

p

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

5

mp *p* *ten.*

1. That a - ni - mals_ should be the first to see A ba - by_ in their

mp *p*

9

parlando *pp*

man-ger laid, Would not to them seem strange.

parlando *pp*

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mf

mf

2. But they were

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mf

f

sure-ly, _____ sure-ly, _____

sure-ly ta-ken by sur - prise, _ sure-ly ta-ken by sur - prise, _

f

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mp

sure - ly ta - ken _____

sure - ly ta - ken by sur - prise When dis - tant kings

sure - ly ta - ken _____ by sur - prise When dis - tant

mp

sure - ly ta - ken

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mf

kings and shep - herds, —

mf

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shep - herds_ came, — Who told them of an
shep - herds, shep - herds_ came,

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f *mp* *tr*

an - gel and a star, 3. And that the

f *mf*

f *mf*

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f *mf*

child — they called the Christ Was worth the

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f *mf*

28

rall. al fine

p *f* *p*

find-ing, — and why it was — They then had tra - velled, tra-velled,

f *p*

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Trill stops after 1st crotchet

niente *pp*

tra - velled from a - far.

pp