

# The promise of peace

Two short carols for Advent & Christmas for mixed voice choirs

## I. A tender shoot

Text: Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)  
tr. William Bartholomew (1793-1867)

Music: ASHLEY GROTE (b.1982)

Flowing

*p*

SOPRANO

1. A ten-der shoot has start - ed up from a root of grace, as an-cient seers im -  
-part - ed from Jes-se's ho - ly race; it blooms with-out a blight, it blooms with-out a  
blight, blooms in the cold bleak win - ter turn-ing our dark-ness in - to light.

S. *mp* 17

A. *mp*

2. A ten-der shoot has start ed up from a root of grace, as an-cient seers im -

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-part - ed from Jes-se's ho - ly race; it blooms with-out a blight, it blooms with-out a

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blight, blooms in the cold bleak win - ter turn-ing our dark-ness in - to light.

*mf* 33

S. A.

T. B.

*mf*

38 *f*

*f*

our God, \_\_\_\_\_ our God \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ of might,

*P* 49

S.

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60 *rall.*

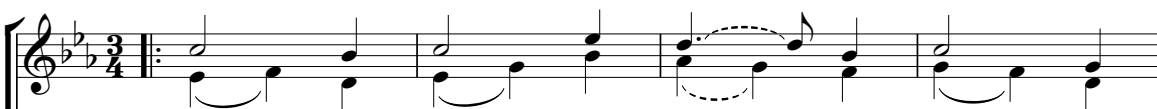
## 2. Cradle song

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)  
from *A cradle song*

Music: ASHLEY GROTE


Gently rocking ♩ = 100

SOPRANO  
ALTO



*p* 1. Hush!\_ my dear, \_ lie still\_ and slum - ber,  
*mf* 2. How\_ much bet - - ter thou art at - tend - - ed

TENOR  
BASS



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Ho - - - ly an - - gels of guard\_ thy bed!  
Than\_ the Son\_ of God\_ could be,

TENOR  
BASS




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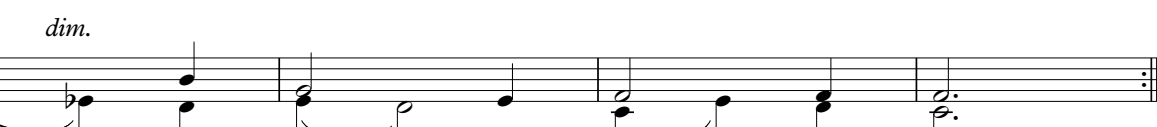


Heav'n - - ly bless - - ings with - - out num - - ber  
When\_ from hea - - ven he\_ de - scend - - ed

TENOR  
BASS




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*dim.*  
Gent - - ly fall - - - ing on\_ thy head.  
And\_ be - came\_ a child\_ like thee!

TENOR  
BASS



*dim.*

17 *pp*

3. May'st thou live to know and fear him,

*pp*

21

Trust and love him all thy days;

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25 *p*

Then go dwell for ev - er near him,  
ev - - er

*p*

29 *mp*

See his face, and sing his praise!  
his praise!  
his praise!

*pp*

his praise!

*mp*