

Simon Preston

On Christmas Day

A Christmas anthem
for mixed voices and organ

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TOCCATA
for organ

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Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844–89)

SIMON PRESTON (b. 1938)

$\text{♩} = 66$ ($\text{♩} = \text{♩}$ throughout)

SOLO *p*

SOPRANO

Make me pure, Lord: Thou art ho - ly; Make me meek, Lord: Thou wert

$\text{♩} = 66$ ($\text{♩} = \text{♩}$ throughout)

ORGAN

8' Fl. *p*

Ped.

4

low - ly; Now be - gin - ning, and al - way: Now be - gin, on

7

Christ-mas Day.

TUTTI

10 *mp*

S. *mp*
Make me pure, Lord: Thou art Ho-ly; Make me meek, Lord: Thou wert

A. *mp*
Make me__ pure, Lord: Thou art Ho-ly; Make me__ meek, Lord: Thou wert

T. *mp*
Make me pure, Lord: Thou art Ho-ly; Make me meek, Lord: Thou wert

B. *mp*
Make me__ pure, Lord: Thou art Ho-ly; Make me__ meek, Lord: Thou wert

Org. *mp*

Ped.

14 *mf*

mf
low - ly; Now be - gin - ning, and al-way: Now be - gin, on

mf
low - ly; Now be - gin - ning, and al-way: Now be - gin, on

mf
low - ly; Now be - gin - ning, and al-way: Now be - gin, on

mf
low - ly; Now be - gin - ning, and al-way: Now be - gin, on

18 **accel. gradually**

Christ-mas Day. _____

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Christ-mas Day. _____

Christ-mas Day. _____

accel. gradually

cresc.

add. registration

20 **Subito allegro** ♩ = 100

f Make me pure, Lord: _____

f Make me pure, Lord: _____

f Moon-less dark-ness stands be-tween.

f Moon-less dark-ness stands be-tween.

Subito allegro ♩ = 100

f

22

Make me meek, Lord: _____

Make me meek, Lord: _____

Past, the Past, no more be seen!

Past, the Past, no more be seen!

simile

23

Now be -

Now be -

But the Be - thlem - star may lead me To the sight of

But the Be - thlem - star may lead me To the sight of

24

-gin - - ning, and al - way: Now be -

-gin - - ning, and al - way:

Him who freed me From the self that I have been.

Him who freed me From the self that I have been.

25

on Christ-mas Day. **allargando**

-gin, on Christ-mas Day, on Christ-mas Day, Now be - gin, on Christ-mas Day.

Now be - gin, on Christ-mas Day.

Now be - gin, on Christ-mas Day, on Christ-mas Day, be - gin, on Christ-mas Day.

Now be - gin, on Christ - mas Day, on Christ-mas Day.

allargando

8 **Tempo I, ma più allegro**

27 *f*
Moon - less dark - ness stands be - tween. Past, the
f
Moon - less dark - ness stands be - tween.
f
Moon - less dark - ness stands be - tween. Past, the
f
Moon - less dark - ness stands be - tween.

Tempo I, ma più allegro

f

allarg.

ff

30
Past, no more be seen! But the
Past, the Past, no more be seen! But the
Past, no more be seen! But the
Past, the Past, no more be seen! But the
allarg.

ff