

for the Phoenix Singers

The darkest midnight in December

Words: Irish traditional,
after Fr. William Devereux, fl. 1728

Music: adapted from an English traditional carol,
collected by Cecil Sharp,
arranged by WILLIAM WHITEHEAD

Dolce e legato

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

p 1. The dark - est mid - - night in De - - cem - ber, No
mf 2. Four thou - sand years from the cre - - a - tion The

5
snow nor hail nor win - - - ter's storm Shall
world lay groan - ing un - - - der sin; No

9
hin - der us for to re - mem - - ber The
one could ev - er ex - pect sal - - va - - - tion: No

13
babe that on this night was born.
one could ev - - - er en - ter heav'n.

SOLO TENOR

17 *mf*

3. A - - dam's_ fall_ had_ damned us_ all To hell, to_

S. A. *pp*

B. *pp*

Mm

Mm

22

end - less pains_ for - - lorn; 'Twas so de - - creed we'd ne' - er been

Mm

Mm

Mm

Mm

28

freed_ Had not_ this heav'n - - ly_ babe been_ born.

Mm

Mm