

# I Sing the Birth Was Born Tonight

Lyrics: Ben Jonson (1573–1637)

Music: Jan Wilke  
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*Allegro moderato* ♩ = 108

Harp / Piano *mf*

7 *mf*

S I sing the birth was born to - night, au of life and light; the

A I sing the birth was born to night, au both of life and light; the

T I sing the birth was born to - night, the - thor both of life and light; the

B I sing the birth - born night, the au - thor both of life and light; the

12

an-gels so did so and like the ra - vish'd shep-herds said, who saw the light, and were a - fraid, yet

an-gels so did so and like the ra - vish'd shep-herds said, who saw the light, and were a - fraid, yet

And like the ra - vish'd shep-herds said, who saw the light, and were a - fraid, yet

an-gels so did so and it. And like the ra - vish'd shep-herds said, who saw the light, and were a - fraid, yet



18

search'd, and true they found it. —

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search'd, and true they found it. —

25

*mp* Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

*mp* Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

*mp* The Son\_ of God, th'e - ter - nal king, that did\_ us all\_ sal -

*mp* The Son\_ of God, th'e - ter - nal king, that did\_ us all\_ sal -



31

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! He whom the whole world could not take, the

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! He from the whole world could not take the

va - tion bring, and freed the soul from dan - ger... whom the whole world could not take, the

va - tion bring, and freed the soul from dan... He the whole world could not take, the

36

Lord, which heaven and earth did make, was now laid in a man - ger...

Lord, which heaven and earth did make, was now laid in a man - ger...

Lord, which heaven and earth did make, was now laid in a man - ger...

Lord, which heaven and earth did make, was now laid in a man - ger...

*mf*



42

*p* The Fa-ther's wis - dom will'd it so, the

*p* The Fa-ther's wis - dom will'd it so, the

*p* The Fa-ther's wis - dom will'd it so, the

*p* The Fa-ther's wis - dom will'd it so, the

49

Son's o-be - dience knew no "No", both wills were in one sta - ture... And, as that wis-dom had de - creed, the

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a variety of time signatures: 6/8, 2/4, 3/4, and 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Allegro moderato' with a metronome marking of ♩ = 108. The dynamics are marked 'mf' (mezzo-forte). The score is divided into four systems, each with a measure number (6, 11, 16) at the beginning. The lyrics are: 'I sing the birth was born tonight, the au - thor both of life and light; the who did sound it. And like the ra - vish'd shep - herds said, who saw the light and were a - fraid, yet search'd, and true they found it.' A large 'SAMPLE PAGE' watermark is overlaid diagonally across the score.