

The Little Drummer Boy

(Carol of the drum)

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(1892-1980)

♩ = 52

Ab

S
Come they told me pa rum pum pum pum A new born king to see pa rum pum pum pum

A

T
8
Rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum

B

Detailed description: This system contains the first 10 measures of the song. It features four staves: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The key signature is Ab major (three flats). The tempo is marked as ♩ = 52. The Soprano part begins with a whole rest for two measures, then sings the lyrics 'Come they told me pa rum pum pum pum'. The Alto part also has a whole rest for two measures, then sings 'A new born king to see pa rum pum pum pum'. The Tenor and Bass parts provide a rhythmic accompaniment of 'rum pum' throughout the system. A key signature change to Ab is indicated above the Soprano staff at the beginning.

11

S
Our fi - nest gifts we bring pa rum pum pum pum to lay be - fore the King pa rum pum pum rum pa pum rum rum pum pum pum

A

T
8
rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum

B

Detailed description: This system contains measures 11 through 20. The Soprano part sings 'Our fi - nest gifts we bring pa rum pum pum pum to lay be - fore the King pa rum pum pum rum pa pum rum rum pum pum pum'. The Alto part has a whole rest for two measures, then sings 'rum pum pum pum rum pa pum rum rum pum pum pum'. The Tenor and Bass parts continue with the 'rum pum' accompaniment. Key signature changes are indicated above the Soprano staff: Eb (measure 11), Ab (measure 12), Db (measure 13), Ab (measure 14), and Eb (measure 15).

21

S
So to ho - nor Him pa rum pum pum pum when we come

A

T
8
rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum

B

Detailed description: This system contains the final three measures (21-23) of the song. The Soprano part sings 'So to ho - nor Him pa rum pum pum pum when we come'. The Alto part has a whole rest for two measures, then sings 'rum pum pum pum rum pa pum rum rum pum pum pum'. The Tenor and Bass parts continue with the 'rum pum' accompaniment. A key signature change to Ab is indicated above the Soprano staff at the beginning.

29 Ab

S Ba - by Je - sus pa rum pum pum pum I am a poor boy too pa rum pum pum pum

A

T rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum

B

37 Eb Ab Db Ab Eb

S I have no gifts to bring pa rum pum pum pum that's fit to give the King pa rum pum pum rum pum pum rum rum pum pum pum

A

T rum pum pum rum pum pum rum pum pum rum pum pum rum pum pum rum pum pum rum pum pum rum pum pum rum pum pum rum pum pum

B

47 Ab

S Shall I play for you pa rum pum pum pum on my drum?

A

T rum pum pum rum pum pum rum pum pum rum pum pum rum pum pum rum pum pum rum pum pum rum pum pum rum pum pum rum pum pum

B

rum rum pum pum pum rum pum pum

♩ = 62 accel

55 Ab

S Ma - ry nod - ded pa rum pum pum pum, the ox and lamb kept time pa rum pum pum pum

A

T rum pum pum pum rum pum pum pum ...

B pum rum pum pum pum rum pum pum pum ...

63 Eb Ab Db Ab

S I played my drum for Him pa rum pum pum pum I played my best for Him pa rum pum pum pum rum pum pum pum

A

T rum pum pum pum rum pum pum pum ... rum pum pum pum pum pum pum pum

B pum rum pum pum pum rum pum pum pum ... pum pum pum pum pum pum pum pum

71 Eb Ab Eb

S rum pum pum pum

A

T pum

B pum

76 $\text{♩} = 52$
Ab

S
Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum, me and my drum.

A
rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum.

T
rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum.

B
rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum pum rum.