

The Song of the Ox

Verse anthem for A solo and SAATB chorus

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Alto 1

verse

1. An ox am I, a sim - ple
2. One win - ter's night a wan - d'ring
3. From an - gels hav - ing heard his

Organ

verse

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beast, Of a - ni - mals, of a - ni - mals the ve - ry least.
pair Were housed with us, were housed with us from who knows where.
fame, That ve - ry night, that ve - ry night, some shep - herds came,

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My life is hard with end - less work, I pull and strain and dare not shirk. Six days I
The night was cold, the wind was raw, The wo - man laid her down on straw, And si - lent -
And la - ter stran - gers brought him things A - stro - lo - gers they were or kings. Their gifts were

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toil and suf - fer blows In blis - t'ring sun or driv - ing snows. Yet I have
ly be - fore the morn Her rad - iant in - fant Son was born. Yes, I have
in - cense, myrrh and gold Whose mean - ing has not yet been told. Yes, I have

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had my share of mirth, For I was pres - ent at His birth.

25 *chorus*

v.1 Yet I have had my share of mirth, For I was pres - ent at His birth. *D.C.*
 vv.2-3 Yes,

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 vv.2-3 Yes,

chorus *D.C.*

33 *verse*

4. I hear men say the ba - by boy Was born to bring his peo - ple

verse

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to bring his peo - ple joy. Health in sick - ness, *chorus*
chorus *verse* *chorus*

joy, to bring his peo - ple joy, Health in sick - ness, health in sick - ness,

to bring his peo - ple joy, Health in sick - ness,
 to bring his peo - ple joy, Health in sick ness,

to bring his peo - ple joy, Health in sick - ness,

chorus *verse* *chorus*

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sight to blind,

verse sight to blind, *chorus* sight to blind, *verse* And grace and peace for all man - kind, and *chorus*

sight to blind, and

sight to blind,

sight to blind, and

verse *chorus* *verse* *chorus*

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and grace and peace for all man-kind.

grace and peace for all man - kind. If that be true, I can - not know,

— grace and peace for all man - kind.

and grace and peace for all man-kind.

grace and peace for all man - kind.

verse

