

The Nativity, A Christmas Cantata  
Joseph & The Angel

Text: Matthew 1: 18-25

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3 Min : 12 Sec.

Cello: *mf* *Arco:*

Contrabass: *mf* *Arco:*

Tenor solo: *mf*

What will I do? What will I say? We can't get mar - ried when she's that way?

Cello: *Pizzicato:*

Tenor solo:

She is with child. I should have known. If they find out, she's going to be stoned!

Cello:

Tenor solo:

Where is my Mar - y, so meek and mild? Who is the fa - ther that gave her this child?

Cello: *Arco:* *p* *mf*

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Harp: *p* Am Em Dm *mf* Am C Em Am

Bass solo: *mp* Jo - seph. *mf* Jo - seph! *f* Jo - seph!!!

Contrabass: *mp* Pizzicato: *mf* *f*

Bass solo: *mf* Lis - ten to me! *f* Hear what I say! *mf* I am an An - gel of the Lord.

Harp: *mf* Am *f* F *f* Dm Am *mf* Am

Contrabass: *mf* Arco *f* *mf*

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42 *mp* Jo - seph, son of Da - vid, do not fear to take Mar - y,

Bass solo: *mp*

Harp: *mp* Dm C G

Contrabass: *mp* Dm

48 and doubt not her chas - ti - ty. That, which she with - in does

Bass solo: 48 50 52

Harp: *mp* Em C Am Dm Dm

Contrabass: *mp*

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host, is of God's own Ho - ly Ghost. She will bear a son,

54 56 58

**Bass solo:**

**Harp:** G C Am Am C

**Contrabass:**

and you shall call his name\_ Je - sus,

60 62 64

**Bass solo:**

**Harp:** C Dm C

**Contrabass:**

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for he will save his peo - ple from their sins, as was for - told by the pro - phets.

Bass solo:

Harp:

Contrabass:

SATB:

*mp* I - sa - iah said, A vir - gin shall con - cieve, and she will bear

SATB:

a son, Em - man - u - el, which means

Harp:

Contrabass:

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Musical score for SATB, Harp, Cello, and Contrabass. The SATB part includes lyrics: "God with us. God is with us!". The Harp part includes chords: Am, Em, G, Dm, Em G, F7, Am. The Cello and Contrabass parts provide a bass line.

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SATB: *mp*

92  $\bullet = 76$  94 96 98

When Jo-seph woke, 'twas as the Angel said. He took Mar - y,

SATB:

100 102 104 106

to wife, and they were wed, but knew her not, be for the child was born.

SATB:

108 110

He raised the child, as if he were his own son.

Harp:

Dm Em G C G

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Musical score for SATB, Harp, Cello, and Contrabass. The score is divided into two systems.

**System 1 (Measures 112-116):**

- SATB:** Melody line with lyrics: "And, Jos-eph did, as the An-gel had com-man-ded,". Includes a fermata over measures 114-116.
- Harp:** Accompaniment with chords Dm, Em, Em, Dm.

**System 2 (Measures 118-122):**

- SATB:** Melody line with lyrics: "and He called his name\_ Je-sus." Includes a fermata over measures 120-122.
- Harp:** Accompaniment with chords Am, Em, Am.
- Cello:** Bass line accompaniment.
- Contrabass:** Bass line accompaniment.