

The Nativity, A Christmas Cantata
The Canticle of Zecheraiah

Text: Luke 1: 68-79

A song of thanksgiving at the birth
of his son John the Baptist

~ The Benedictus ~

~Bass solo w/Harp~

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3 Min: 15 Sec.

Harp: *mp*
Arpeggiate all chords.

mp F Dm F Dm C F

Zecheraiah,
a Bass solo: *mf*

"Bless-ed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el, for He has vis - it - ed and re - deem - ed His peo - ple
(Luke 1:68)

Harp: *mp*

mp F Dm F Dm C Dm F

and has raised up a horn of sal - va - tion for us in the house of Da - vid,
69

Harp: *mp*

Dm Gm Dm C Gm Dm F

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as He spoke by the mouth of His ho-ly pro-phets from of old,
70

Gm Bb F F

5

that we should be saved from the hands of our en-a-mies, and from the hand of all who hate us;
71

Dm Gm Dm Em dim Gm

6

to per-form the mercy pro-mised to our Fa-thers, and to re-mem-ber His ho-ly cov-e-nant,
72

F Dm F Gm Dm Gm

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73 the oath which He swore to our fa-ther A - bra - ham,

Dm Bb F

74 to us that we-ing de-liv-ered from the hand of our en-a-mies, might serve Him with-out fear,

Dm Gm Em dim Gm

75 in ho - li - ness and right eous - ness be-fore Him all the days of our life.

F F C Am Dm

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Zecheraiah,
to John:

10

And you, child, will be called the pro - phet of the Most High;
76 (John,)

Am Dm7 Dm Am Dm7 Dm

11

for you will go be - fore the Lord to pre - pare his ways,

Gm7 Gm Dm Bb C

12

to give knowledge of sal - va - tion to His peo - ple in the for - give - ness of their sins,
77

Am7 Gm7 Am7 Dm7 Gm7 F7 Gm

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through the tender mercy of our God, when the day shall dawn up-on us from on high.

78

Gm7 F7 Gm Gm7 Em Gm C

14

to give light to those who sit in the dark-ness and in the shad-dow of death

79

Gm7 Em Dm Gm7 F7 Am

136

15

to guide our feet in - to the way of peace."

Gm Dm Am Dm