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# I SING THE BIRTH

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For divisi chorus and percussion

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## I SING THE BIRTH

I sing the birth was born tonight,  
The author both of life and light;  
The angels so did sound it,  
And like the ravished shepherds said,  
Who saw the light and were afraid,  
Yet searched, and true they found it.

The Son of God, the Eternal King,  
That did us all salvation bring,  
And freed the soul from danger;  
He whom the whole world could not take,  
The Word, which heaven and earth did make,  
Was now laid in a manger.

The Father's wisdom willed it so,  
The son's obedience knew no No,  
Both wills were in one stature;  
And as that wisdom had decreed,  
The Word was now made flesh indeed,  
And took on him our nature.

What comfort by him we do win,  
Who made himself the price of sin,  
To make us heirs of Glory!  
To see this babe, all innocence,  
A martyr born in our defense,  
Can man forget the story?

*Ben Jonson (1572-1637)*

Duration: c. 3:15

## PERCUSSION

vibraphone  
woodblocks (high, medium, low)  
mark tree (with damper)  
2 Chinese opera gongs (one decaying up)  
suspended cymbal

# I Sing the Birth

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**Jubilant; c. ♩ = 66**  
vibes: motor off  
med. hd. mal.

Percussion

**Jubilant; c. ♩ = 66**  
*mf* *f*

Soprano

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

Alto

I sing — the birth was born to-night,

Tenor

Bass

**Jubilant; c. ♩ = 66**

Keyboard  
(for rehearsal only)

I. I Sing the Birth

5 Perc.  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 132 (\text{♩} = \text{♩})$  hi wdbl. *p*

5 S *mf*  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 132 (\text{♩} = \text{♩})$   
the an - gels so did sound it,

A *f* *mf*  
the an - gels so did sound it,

T *p*  
And like the rav - ished shep - herds said, —

B

Kybd.  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 132 (\text{♩} = \text{♩})$

11 Perc. *mp* *mf* *mf* mark tree

11 S *mp* *cresc.* *f*  
who saw, who saw, who saw the light, —

A *mp* *cresc.* *f*  
who saw, who saw, who saw the light, —

T *mp* *cresc.* *f*  
— And like the rav - ished shep - herds said, — who saw, — who saw, — who saw the light, —

B *mp* *cresc.* *f*  
And like the rav - ished shep - herds said, — who saw, — who saw, — who saw the light, —

Kybd.

I. I Sing the Birth

18 Perc. Ch.o.g. wdblks. (med/lo/hi) vibes.

*mf mp mp f*

S *mf mp cresc. f*

A *mf mp cresc. f*

T *mf mp cresc. f*

B *mf mp cresc. f*

8

Kybd.

26 Perc. ad lib.

S *it.*

A *it.*

T *it.*

B *it.*

8

Kybd.

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♩ = c. 66 (♩ = ♩)

Perc. *mf*

S

A

T *f*

B *f*

Kybd.

33

The Son of God, th'e - ter - nal King, that did us all sal -

th'e - ter - nal King, that did us all sal -

♩ = c. 132 (♩ = ♩)

Perc. *dim.* *p*

S *mf* *mp* *p*

A *mf* *mp* *p*

T *mf* *mp*

B *mf* *mp*

Kybd.

38

...and freed the soul from dan - ger; He whom

va - tion bring, and freed the soul from dan - ger; and freed the soul from dan - ger;

va - tion bring, and freed the soul from dan - ger; and freed the soul from dan - ger;

42 Perc. *hi wdbl.*  
*p*

S  
— the whole world could not take, He whom — the whole world could not take, the Word, — *cresc.*

A  
— the whole world could not take, He whom — the whole world could not take, the Word, — *cresc.*

T  
8  
*p* the Word, the *cresc.*

B  
*p* the Word, the *cresc.*

Kybd.

48 Perc. *sus. cym.*  
*mp* *p* *mf*

S  
— the Word, — which heav'n and earth did make, was now *f*

A  
— the Word, — which heav'n and earth did make, was now *f*

T  
8 Word, the Word, which heav'n and earth did make, was now *f*

B  
Word, the Word, which heav'n and earth did make, was now *f*

Kybd.

I. I Sing the Birth

54 Perc. *vibes.*  
*mf* *cresc.*

54 S laid in a man - ger.  
A laid in a man - ger.  
T laid in a man - ger.  
B laid in a man - ger.

Kybd.

62 Perc. *f* *mf* *ad lib.* *f* *mf*  
♩ = c. 66 (♩ = ♩)

62 S The Fa - ther's wis - dom willed it so,  
A The Fa - ther's wis - dom willed it so,  
T The Fa - ther's wis - dom willed it so,  
B

Kybd. ♩ = c. 66 (♩ = ♩)

67 Perc. *f* *mf* *p*

S *f* *mf* *p*

A *f* *mf* *p*

T *f* *mf* *p*

B *f* *mf* *p*

Kybd.

the Son's o - be - dience knew no No; both wills were in one stat - ure;

72 Perc. *p* *p* hi wdblk.

S *p* *cresc.*

A *p* *cresc.*

T *p* *cresc.*

B *p* *cresc.*

Kybd.

and as that wis - dom had de - creed, and as that wis - dom had de - creed,

78 Perc. *cresc.* *mf* *mf* mark tree Ch.o.g. →

S the Word, the Word was now made flesh in - deed, and took *f*

A Word, the Word, the Word was now made flesh in - deed, and took *f*

T Word, the Word, the Word was now made flesh in - deed, and took *f*

B the Word, the Word was now made flesh in - deed, and took *f*

Kybd.

85 Perc. Ch.o.g. → Ch.o.g. → *mp* *mf* vibes.

S on him our na - - - ture. *mf*

A on him our na - - - ture. *mf*

T on him our na - - - ture. *mf*

B on him our na - - - ture. *mf*

Kybd.

I. I Sing the Birth

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 66$  ( $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$ )

Perc. *ad lib.* *p*

S *mp* *p*  
What com - fort by him do we

A *mp* *p*  
What com - fort by him do we

T *mp* *p*  
What com - fort by him do we

B *mp* *p*  
What com - fort by him do we

Kybd.  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 66$  ( $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$ )

Perc. *mp*

S *mp*  
win, who made him - self the price of sin, to make us heirs of

A *mp*  
win, who made him - self the price of sin, to make us heirs of

T *mp*  
win, who made him - self the price of sin, to make us heirs of

B *mp*  
win, who made him - self the price of sin, to make us heirs of

Kybd.

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105  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 132 \text{ (♩} = \text{♩)}$  hi wdblck.

Perc. *mp* *pp* *pp* *p*

S *pp*  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 132 \text{ (♩} = \text{♩)}$   
glo - ry!

A *pp*  
glo - ry!

T *pp* *p*  
glo - ry! To see this babe, all in - no - cence, to see this babe, all

B *pp* *p*  
glo - ry! To see this babe, all in - no - cence, to see this babe, all

Kybd.  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 132 \text{ (♩} = \text{♩)}$

112 sus. cym. Ch.o.g. →

Perc. *p* *mf*

S *p* *cresc.* *f*  
A mar - tyr, a mar - tyr, a mar - tyr, mar - tyr, mar - tyr, mar - tyr born

A *p* *cresc.* *f*  
A mar - tyr, a mar - tyr, a mar - tyr, mar - tyr, mar - tyr, mar - tyr born

T *cresc.* *f*  
in - no - cence, a mar - tyr, a mar - tyr, a mar - tyr, mar - tyr, mar - tyr born

B *cresc.* *f*  
in - no - cence, a mar - tyr, a mar - tyr, a mar - tyr, mar - tyr, mar - tyr born

Kybd.

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118 Ch.o.g. vibes.

Perc. *f*

S  
in our de - fence, can man for - get the sto -

A  
in our de - fence, can man for - get the sto -

T  
8 in our de - fence, can man for - get the sto -

B  
in our de - fence, can man for - get the sto -

Kybd.

127 ad lib.

Perc.

S  
ry?

A  
ry?

T  
8 ry?

B  
ry?

Kybd.

133 attacca

Perc. *ff*