

Stars Were Gleaming

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For SATB Choir

Polish Carol
Arr. Amy Dalton

Delicately ♩ = 68

mp

The piano introduction is in 3/4 time, B-flat major, and begins with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of quarter notes.

Where is he that is born King of the
Jews? for we have seen his star in
the east, and are come to worship him.
- Matthew 2:2



4 *women unison* | 6 |

mp Stars were gleam - ing, Shep-herds dream - ing and the

8 night was dark and chill. An-gels sto - ry rang with glo - ry; shep-herds

The vocal and piano accompaniment for the main body of the song is in 4/4 time, B-flat major. It features a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The vocal line is a unison melody for women, with lyrics: "Stars were gleaming, Shepherds dreaming and the night was dark and chill. Angels story rang with glory; shepherds". The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand.

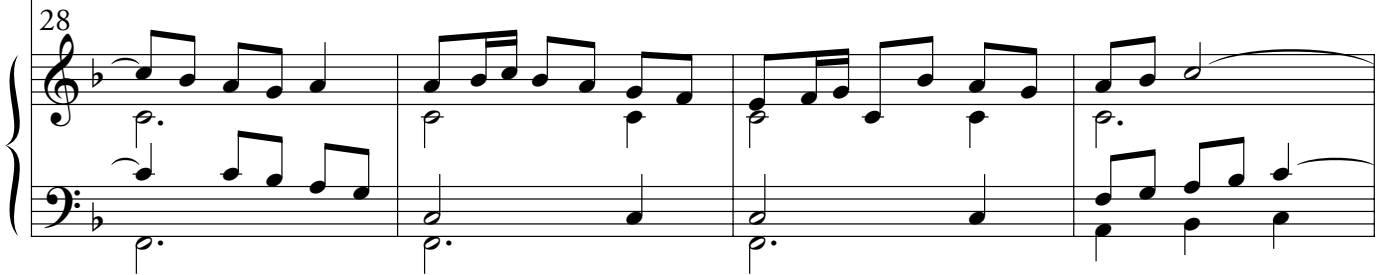
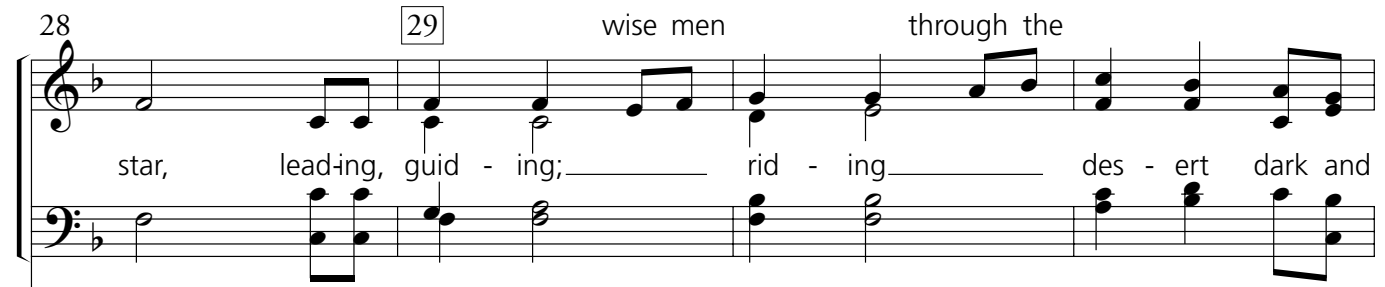
12 *poco cresc.* 14
heard it on the hill. Ah, that sing - ing! Hear it ring - ing, earth-ward

16 *dim.* 19 *mp*
wing - ing, Christ-mas bring - ing! Hear-ken! We can hear it

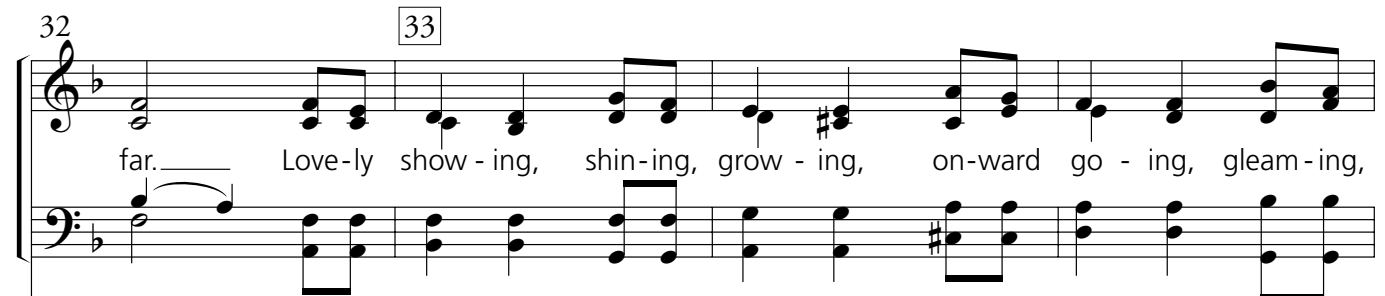
20 21
still.

24 *mp* 25
See the clear - ness and the near - ness of the bless - ed Christ - mas

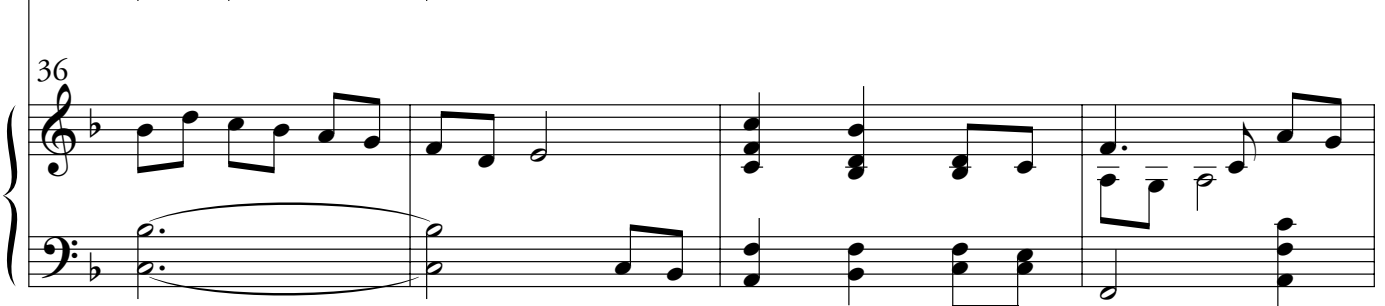
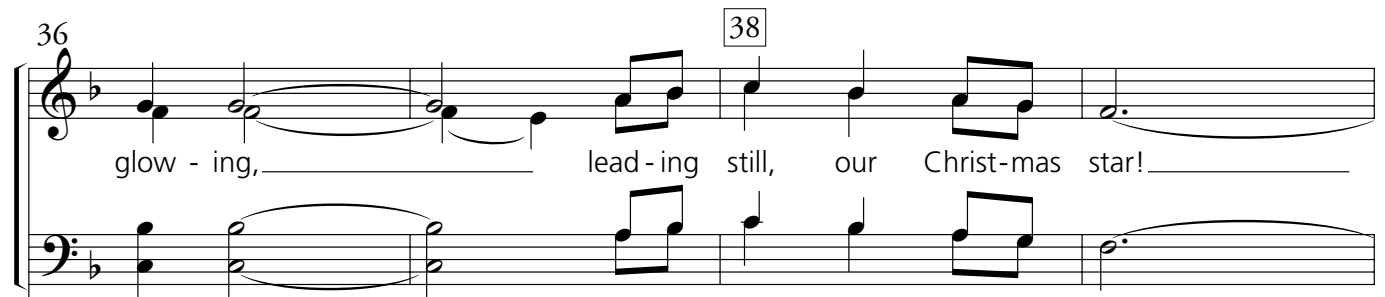
28 29 wise men through the
star, lead-ing, guid - ing; rid - ing des - ert dark and



32 33
far. Love-ly show - ing, shin-ing, grow - ing, on-ward go - ing, gleam-ing,



36 38
glow - ing, lead - ing still, our Christ-mas star!



40 42

p Stars were gleam - ing, shep-herds dream - ing,

Stars were gleam - ing, shep-herds dream - ing and the

44 46

and the night _____ was dark and chill. An-gels sto - ry rang with glo - ry;

night was dark and chill. An-gels sto - ry rang with glo - ry; shep-herds

48 50

shep-herds heard _____ it on the hill. Ah that sing-ing! Hear it ring - ing,

heard it on the hill. Ah, that sing - ing! hear it ring - ing, Earth-ward

earth - ward wing-ing, Christ-mas bring-ing, Christ-mas bring - ing

Hear-ken!

52

wing-ing Christ - mas bring - ing! Hear-ken! We can hear it

p *mp* *div.*

52

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we can hear it still! Hear-ken! We can hear it still!_____

we can hear it still! Hear-ken! We can hear it still!_____

still! Hearken! We can hear it still!_____

Still! Hear-ken! We can hear it still!_____

56

p

60

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p Stars were gleam - ing, *pp* Shep - herds dream - ing,
 Stars were gleam - ing, *pp* shep - herds dream - ing,

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Christ - mas bring - ing.
 Christ - mas bring - ing.

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