

# I Thank Thee, Dear Father

SATB w/optional flute

Note: This arrangement may be sung using the traditional words to "Away in a Manger" (Anon.) which are included in italics.

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about ♩ = 82

Flute *mp* 2

(If no flute is used, omit measures 1 and 2.)

*mp* 8va L.H. over simile 8va 8va 8va 8va

Solo (child or adult): *mp* 6 8

I thank thee, dear Fa - ther in Hea - ven a - bove, For thy  
A - way in a man - ger no crib for a bed, The

10 12 *mp* 14

good - ness and mer - cy, thy kind - ness and love, I thank thee for  
lit - tle Lord Je - sus lay down his sweet head, The stars in the

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16 18

home, friends and pa - rents so dear, And for ev - 'ry bless - ing that  
 hea - vens looked down where he lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a -

20 22 24

Flute: *mf*

I en - joy here. For "Away in a Manger" omit  
 sleep on the hay. measures 23-45.

26 28

*poco rit.* *mf* For the pow'r of the

*poco rit.* *a tempo*

30 32 *Women:* 34

priest - hood, re - stored un - to man, *mf* For thy beau - ti - ful tem - ples to

36 38

bless ev - ry land, *All:* For the gos - pel of glad - ness, good ti - dings of

40 42 *div.* 44

peace, I lift up my voice in this an - them of praise.

For "Away in a Manger," resume here.

(Soprano) *mp* 46 48

(Alto melody) *f*

For the coun - sel of pro - phets in all that I  
The cat - tle are low - ing in the poor ba - by

(wakes-----, but)  
(For the) 50 *f* (mel.) 52

do, For the Spi - rit to guide me and wit - ness of truth, *mp* For the  
wakes, But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes, *mp* I

*rit.*

54 56 58 *f*

*accel.* *f* *a tempo*

Sav - ior who wil - ling ly suf - fered for me, I grate - ful - ly  
love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky And stay by my

60 62

of - fer my thanks un - to thee.  
 cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.

Unison: *mf* Please  
 Be

64 66 68

help me be good, kind, and gen - tle to - day, To hon - or my  
 near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close by me for -

70 72

(div.)

Sav - ior and fol - low his way, *f* In the dear name of Je - sus, so  
 ev - er and love me, I pray, Bless all the dear chil - dren in

74 76 78

*rit.*

lov - ing and mild, I ask thee to bless me and keep me thy  
 thy ten - der care, And fit us for hea - ven to live with thee

*rit.*

80 82

*mp*

child there, *Unison:* I ask thee to bless me and keep me with thy  
*And fit us for hea - ven to live (div.) with thee*

*mp*

(and to)

84 *Flute:* 86

*rit.*

child. there. (thy child.) *rit.*  
keep live me with thy thee child.) there.)

*rit.* L.H. over

*rit.*

*rit.*

\*  
*rit.*