

# Sleep, Little Jesus / The First Noel

for SAB choir with children's chorus and piano accompaniment

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The musical score is arranged for a SAB choir, a children's chorus, and piano accompaniment. It begins with a piano introduction in 3/4 time, marked *mp*. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Bass) and Children's Chorus enter at measure 9, marked *mp*. The lyrics are: "Sleep, lit - tle Je - sus, Lord of the earth. An - gels are tell - ing the news of thy birth. Shep - herds will come to thee, bring - ing thee love. Bright shines the star in heav - en a - bove. Sleep, lit - tle Je - sus, soft - ly we sing. Earth long has wait - ed her Sav - ior and King." The score includes a piano accompaniment with a melodic line in the right hand and a harmonic line in the left hand. There are two sections, A and B, marked with boxes. Section A starts at measure 9 and ends at measure 16. Section B starts at measure 24 and ends at measure 31. The piano accompaniment for section B is marked *p* and includes an "optional solo" for the piano.

33 *mp*

Ch. Heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu - ia, Peace to all men, Al - le - lu - ia!"

Pno. *mp*

41 *mf* **C**

S. The first No -

A. The first No -

Pno. *mf*

49

S. -el the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay, In fields where

A. -el the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay, In fields where

Pno.

57

S. they lay keep - ing their sheep On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep. No - el, No -

A. they lay keep - ing their sheep On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep. No - el, No -

Pno.

65

S. - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

A. - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

Pno.

74

B. *mp* **D** They look - ed up and saw a star Shin-ing in the East be -

Pno. *mp*

82

B. yond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both

Pno.

90

S. *mf* **E** No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King of

A. *mf* No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King of

B. *mf* day and night. No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King of

Pno. *mf*

98

S. Is - ra - el! No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King\_ of Is - ra -

A. Is - ra - el! No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King\_ of Is - ra -

B. Is - ra - el! No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King\_ of Is - ra -

Pno.

107

S. el!

A. el! *mp* The

B. el! *mp* The

Pno.

116 **F**

Ch. *f* Sleep, lit - tle Je - sus, Lord of the earth. An - gels are tell - ing the news of thy birth.

S. *f* Sleep, lit - tle Je - sus, Lord of the earth. An - gels are tell - ing the news of thy birth.

A. first\_ No - el the\_ an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay, In\_

B. first\_ No - el the\_ an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay, In\_

Pno.

124

Ch. Shep-herds will come to thee, bring-ing thee love. Bright shines the star in heav-en a -

S. Shep-herds will come to thee, bring-ing thee love. Bright shines the star in heav-en a -

A. fields where they lay keep-ing their sheep On a cold win-ter's night that was so

B. fields where they lay keep-ing their sheep On a cold win-ter's night that was so

Pno.

131 **G**

Ch. bove. No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el! No -

S. bove. No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

A. deep. No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el! No -

B. deep. No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el! No -

Pno.

140

Ch. *- el, No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el!*

S. *No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el!*

A. *- el, No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el!*

B. *- el, No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el!*

Pno.

148

**H** much slower

*rit.*

Ch. *Sleep, lit - tle Je - sus!*

S. *Born is the King of Is - ra - el! Born is the King*

A. *Born is the King of Is - ra - el! Born is the King*

B. *Born is the King of Is - ra - el!*

**much slower**

*rit.*

Pno.