

4. A Stable Lamp

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♩ = 138 (Sempre leggiero)

The musical score is arranged in four systems. The first system contains the vocal staves: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The Soprano and Tenor parts are mostly rests. The Alto part begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and contains the lyrics: "A stable lamp is light-ed whose glow shall wake the This child through Da-vid's ci-ty shall ride in tri-umph". The second system contains the piano accompaniment, divided into Piano (primo) and Piano (secondo). The Piano (primo) part starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and features a melodic line with a long note in the final measure. The Piano (secondo) part provides harmonic support with a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The tempo and performance instruction "♩ = 138 (Sempre leggiero)" is repeated at the beginning of the piano section.

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S. *mf* the stars shall bend their voi- ces and ev- 'ry stone shall cry and straw like gold shall shine a
the palm shall strew its bran- ches and ev- 'ry stone shall cry though hea- vy cold and dumb and

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B.

Pno.

Pno. *mf*

(sim.)

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