

The Day That Christ Was Born

for the Shiraki family

Music and Lyric by
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Misterioso ♩ = 130

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p
On the

a tempo *r.h. sempre staccato*

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day that Christ was born, there were few who knew to care. And the
sea - son Christ was born, there are crowds who seem to care. But they

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cresc. *p*

15 crowds who scoff and scorn were com - plete - ly un - a - ware. They were
 oft - en look for - lorn as they scur - ry here and there. They are

cresc. *p*

20 bus - y sell - ing and buy - ing, — and plant - ing and reap - ing, — trad - ing and ply - ing, — and
 bus - y shop - ping and buy - ing, — and laugh - ing and greet - ing — wrap - ping and ty - ing, — and

24 stitch - ing and sweep - ing, — cheat - ing and ly - ing and tak - ing and keep - ing.
 bak - ing and eat - ing. — plot - ting and pry - ing, com - par - ing, com - pet - ing.

cresc. *mf*

27 Ra - cing round, get - ting worn on the day that Christ was
 Ra - cing round, get - ting worn in the sea - son Christ was

legato *mf*

30 born. In the born.

1. *p* 2. *cresc.*

r.h. sempre stacato *r.h. sempre stacato* *legato*

34 Who then shall de - clare His gen - er - a - tion? And

f

38 then who shall re - joice with ju - bi - la - tion?

42 Peo - ple sell - ing, trad - ing, ply - ing, peo - ple shop - ping, laugh - ing, buy - ing,

46 *p* might not hear a ba - by cry - ing, *cresc.* might ig - nore all the signs, like a

50 *mf* vir - gin con - ceiv - ing, — a star and a man - ger, — shep - herds be - liev - ing — a

mf r.h. sempre stacato

53 hea - ven - ly stran - ger, — Beth - le - hem griev - ing and Wise Men and dan - ger;

legato

56 *p* signs re - vealed to fore - warn all the pure in heart, ta - king hea - ven's part, all the

p r.h. sempre stacato

cresc. poco a poco

60 poor and meek, who the world calls weak, all who want or thirst, put-ting kind-ness first, look-ing

cresc. poco a poco

f for the day, _____ look-ing on the day, _____ *poco rit.* that bless-ed day that

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f legato *poco rit.*

69 Christ was born. _____

a tempo

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