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Traditional English Carol
W. Sandy's *Christmas Carols*, 1833
Arranged by Molly Ijames

for SATB Choir & Piano, w/optional congregation

Delicately, molto legato ♩=80

SA *p* *mp* *poco rit.* *p a tempo*
No - el, no - el, Christ is born, no - el.

TB *p* *mp* *p*
No - el, Christ is born, no - el.

P *p* *mp* *p*
poco rit. *a tempo*

9
SA *p* add Congregation
The first no - el the an - gel did say was to

TB *p*

P *p*

16
SA *mp*
cer - tain poor shep-herds in fields where they lay; in fields where they lay keep - ing their

TB *mp*

P *mp*

23 3

SA *mf*
sheep on a cold win-ter's night_ that was_ so deep. No - el, no - el, no -

TB *mf*

P *mf*

30 *mp*
-el_ no - el, born is the King_ of Is - ra - el.

TB *mp*
Is - ra - el, no - el.

P *mp*

37 *p* Congregation Women
They look - ed up and saw_ a star shin-ing in_ the

P *p gently*

SA east be - yond them far. and

Congregation Men *mp*

TB And to the earth it gave great light,

P *mp*

51

SA so it con - tin - ued both day and night. No - el, no - el, no - el, no -

TB *mf*

P *mf*

All Congregation

58

SA el. Born is the King of Is - ra - el. Christ is born, no -

TB Is - ra - el, no - el.

P

Congregation ends

66 **rit.** **Add Congregation** **Broadly**

SA *f* el! Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prais - es

TB

P *f*

73

SA to our heav'n - ly Lord. That hath made earth and heav'n of naught and

TB

P

80

SA with His blood man - kind hath bought. No - el, no - el, no - el, no - el.

TB

P

88 Congregation repeats chorus *ff*

SA Born is the King of Is - ra - el. No - el, no - el, no - el, no - el. *ff*

TB

P

96 Congregation ends *rit.* *mf*

SA Born is the King of Is - ra - el. No -

TB

P *dim. poco a poco* *rit.*

103 *Slower* *unis. mp* *rit.*

SA el. Christ is born, no - el.

TB *mf unis. mp*

P *Slower* *mf* *mp* *p* *rit.*