

Long Ago in Depths of Winter

Stephen Dean

INTRO *Unhurried* (♩ = ca. 80)

Keyboard

mp

E♭/G A♭ Fm B♭ Gm7 Cm Fm7 B♭7 E♭sus4 E♭

VERSE 1 (1st time Unison)
Soprano

Alto

mf 1. Long a - go in depths of win - ter Gos - pels tell us of a
mf 2. East - ern wise men saw the ris - ing of a star on far ho -
f 3. Child of Ma - ry, hailed by proph - ets, seen by shep - herds, sung by

Tenor

Bass

mf - mf - f
(Vs 2: Strings enter)

E♭ E♭/G A♭ Fm7 B♭7

1. moth - er in an o - ver - crowd - ed sta - ble o - ver -
 2. ri - zon, and they knew it was a her - ald of the
 3. an - gels; by your com - ing here a - mong us you have

E♭ E♭/G Fm/A♭ Gm Cm7

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LONG AGO IN DEPTHS OF WINTER (Keyboard/Choral), cont. (2)

più f

1. joyed with a new - born Son. ——— And some shep - herds heard in
 2. birth of a might - y Lord. ——— Bring - ing gifts they made a
 3. brought us to life and hope. ——— Born to serve and to be

div. *più f*

Fm7 Bb7 Ebsus4 Eb Ab Fm7 Bb7/D

The first system of the score features a vocal line with three parts and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The piano accompaniment starts with a bass clef and a key signature of two flats. The piano part includes a 'div.' marking and a 'più f' dynamic marking. Chord symbols are placed below the piano part: Fm7, Bb7, Ebsus4, Eb, Ab, Fm7, and Bb7/D.

1. won - der an - gels tear - ing the sky a - sun - der sing - ing,
 2. jour - ney till they found what they had been seek - ing, and they
 3. hum - ble, born to give wis - dom to the sim - ple, born to

Eb G7/D Cm F Bb7 Ab

The second system of the score continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal line has three parts. The piano accompaniment includes a 'più f' dynamic marking. Chord symbols are placed below the piano part: Eb, G7/D, Cm, F, Bb7, and Ab.

LONG AGO IN DEPTHS OF WINTER (Keyboard/Choral), cont. (3)

1. "Glo - ry to God in heav - en and on earth peace to ev - ery - one." _____
 2. knelt down in ad - o - ra - tion though a ba - by was all they saw. _____
 3. bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed and to free us from fear and woe. _____

mp *mp* *div.*

Eb/G Abmaj7 Bb7 Eb7 Ab Fm6 Cm Fm7 Bb7 Ab/Eb Eb

1 INTERLUDE

Eb/G Ab Fm Bb Gm7 Cm Fm7 Bb7 Ebsus4 Eb *D.S.*

mf (SI I enters)

2 INTERLUDE

G7/D Cm Gb/Bb Db/Ab G⁹7 C Fm7 Bb7 *D.S.*

mf

Final

Eb/G Ab Fm Bb Abmaj7 Eb/G Abadd9 Bb9 Ab/Eb Eb

mp *rall.*

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Capo 3: (C/E) (F) (Dm) (G) (Em7) (Am) (Dm7) (G7) (C sus4) (C)
 Eb/G Ab Fm Bb Gm7 Cm Fm7 Bb7 Ebsus4 Eb



(Keyboard)

VERSE

(C) (C/E) (F) (Dm7) (G7) (C)
 Eb Eb/G Ab Fm7 Bb7 Eb



mf 1. Long a - go in depths of win - ter Gos - pels tell us of a moth - er in an
mf 2. East - ern wise men saw the ris - ing of a star on far ho - ri - zon, and they
f 3. Child of Ma - ry, hailed by proph - ets, seen by shep - herds, sung by an - gels; by your

(C/E) (Dm/F) (Em) (Am7) (Dm7) (G7) (C sus4) (C) (F)
 Eb/G Fm/Ab Gm Cm7 Fm7 Bb7 Ebsus4 Eb Ab



1. o - ver - crowd - ed sta - ble o - ver - joyed with a new - born Son. And some
 2. knew it was a her - ald of the birth of a might - y Lord. Bring - ing
 3. com - ing here a - mong us you have brought us to life and hope. Born to

(Dm7) (G7/B) (C) (E7/B) (Am) (D) (G7) (F)
 Fm7 Bb7/D Eb G7/D Cm F Bb7 Ab



1. shep - herds heard in won - der an - gels tear - ing the sky a - sun - der sing - ing,
 2. gifts they made a jour - ney till they found what they had been seek - ing, and they
 3. serve and to be hum - ble, born to give wis - dom to the sim - ple, born to

(C/E) (Fmaj7) (G7) (C7) (F) (Dm6) (Am) (Dm7) (G7) (F/C) (C)
 Eb/G Abmaj7 Bb7 Eb7 Ab Fm6 Cm Fm7 Bb7 Ab/Eb Eb



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LONG AGO IN DEPTHS OF WINTER (Guitar/Vocal), cont. (2)

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|----------|------------------|------|-----|-------|------|-------|------|---------|-----|
| 1 | INTERLUDE | | | | | | | | |
| (C/E) | (F) | (Dm) | (G) | (Em7) | (Am) | (Dm7) | (G7) | (Csus4) | (C) |
| E♭/G | A♭ | Fm | B♭ | Gm7 | Cm | Fm7 | B♭7 | E♭sus4 | E♭ |

mf *D.S.*

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------|------------------|--------|--------|-------|-----|-------|------|--|
| 2 | INTERLUDE | | | | | | | |
| (E7/B) | (Am) | (E♭/G) | (B♭/F) | (E♭7) | (A) | (Dm7) | (G7) | |
| G7/D | Cm | G♭/B♭ | D♭/A♭ | G♭7 | C | Fm7 | B♭7 | |

mf *D.S.*

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----|------|-----|---------|-------|---------|------|-------|-----|
| Final | | | | | | | | | |
| (C/E) | (F) | (Dm) | (G) | (Fmaj7) | (C/E) | (Fadd9) | (G9) | (F/C) | (C) |
| E♭/G | A♭ | Fm | B♭ | A♭maj7 | E♭/G | A♭add9 | B♭9 | A♭/E♭ | E♭ |

mp *rall.*

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3. Child of Ma - ry, hailed by proph - ets, seen by



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2. star on far ho - ri - zon, and they knew it was a
3. shep - herds, sung by an - gels; by your com - ing here a -



1. sta - ble o - ver - joyed with a new - born Son. And some
2. her - ald of the birth of a might - y Lord. Bring - ing
3. mong us you have brought us to life and hope. Born to



1. shep - herds heard in won - der an - gels tear - ing the sky a -
2. gifts they made a jour - ney till they found what they had been
3. serve and to be hum - ble, born to give wis - dom to the



1. sun - der sing - ing, "Glo - ry to God in heav - en and on
2. seek - ing, and they knelt down in ad - o - ra - tion though a
3. sim - ple, born to bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed and to



1. earth peace to ev - ery - one."
2. ba - by was all they saw.
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Composer Notes

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This Christmas song should have a quiet, domestic feel. It is intended to be well within the capacity of a small parish choir and music group. The instruments available in our parish of Mildenhall, Suffolk, for its first rendition were flute and violin, but recorders are used on the recording to emphasise the homely sound. If it is being sung for the first time, the assembly could be asked to listen to one or two verses before joining in. The melody does not take long to learn.

—Stephen Dean