

Glorious contracted light

Dedicated to the Mercer Choir

Words from poetry by
George Herbert 1593-1633
<https://www.ccel.org/h/herbert/temple/Christmas.html>

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Maestoso meditativo

A

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

Piano

mf O Thou, whose

8

glor - ious yet con - trac - ted light, Wrapt in night's man - tle

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14

mf stole in-to a man - ger. To - man of all beasts be not Thou a strang - er

stole in-to a man - ger.

B Poco piu mosso ♩=92

21

f *mf* Be not Thou, Be not Thou a stran-ger.

Be not Thou, Be not Thou, Be not Thou a stran-ger *semplicemente*

mf

29

C

mf

Sopranos and altos

Use upper or lower parts as desired for a each phrase

mf The shep - herds sing; and shall I si-lent be? My

Tenors and basses

The shep - herds sing; and a hall I si-lent be?_ My God, no_

37

God, no_ hymn for Thee. My soul's a shep-herd too; a flock_ it_ feeds Of

hymn for Thee. My soul's a shep-herd too; a flock_ it_ feeds Of thoughts, and

44 *poco rit.* **D** $\text{♩} = 92$ **A tempo**

thoughts, and words, and deeds.

words, and deeds.

51 **E**

Then will we chide the sun for let-ting night Take up his_ place and_ right We

Then will_ we chide the sun for let-ting night Take up his place and right. We

60

sing one com-mon Lord; where-fore he should him-self Him-self_ the can - dle hold.

sing one com-mon Lord, where - fore he should him-self, Him-self_ the can - dle hold.

67 **F** **G**

His beams shall cheer my breast and
f

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75 *poco rit.*

both so twine till ev'n his beams sing, and my mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic shine.
ff

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