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celebrating 125 years of faithful service, Epiphany 2009, Rev. Patrick Schott, Director, and Bob Raborn, Pianist*

# WHAT STRANGERS ARE THESE?

for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied\*

Words: Traditional Scottish Carol  
adapted by  
JOSEPH M. MARTIN

Traditional Scottish Tune  
Arranged by  
JOSEPH M. MARTIN (BMI)

Not too fast, with gentle expression ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 72$ )

ACCOMP.

*a tempo*

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

What stran - gers are these that

wan - der through the town? It is Jo - seph and gen - tle

\* Also Available: Orchestration (Score & parts for Flute 1&2, Oboe, Clarinet 1&2, Bassoon, Horn 1&2, Trumpet 1-3, Trombone 1&2, Bass Trombone/Tuba, Timpani, Percussion, Harp, Piano, Violin 1&2, Viola, Cello, Double Bass) – 35030318; StudioTrax CD – 35030319

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7

Ma - ry.

*p unis.*

And what do they seek as

9

night falls all a-round? They are seek - ing shel - ter for

11

For she is the blest and

Ma - ry.

13

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14

cho - sen of the Lord, who will bear to all the prom -ised

14

King. And who is this King of

16

unis.

16

whom the an - gels sing? Know ye not the Christ, Je - sus the

18

3

3

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20

Sav - ior.

20

poco rit. a tempo

22

poco rit. a tempo

24 SOPRANO (opt. solo) p 25

What child is this, that in a man-ger lies? It is

24 25

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27

Je - sus the Christ, Son\_\_ of won - der. And what

27

fair maid is this filled with won - der and with awe? Oh, 'tis

29

mp

Ma - ry, mild Moth-er of Je - sus. Oh, \_\_\_\_\_

mf (tutti)

mf unis.

31

3

3

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33

these are the shepherds and these the Magi kings, who have

33

*mf*

brought Him their gifts of gold and myrrh.

35

*mp*

But

35

*mp*

why do they kneel before a tiny babe?

37

*mp*

They a-

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39

dore their King, Je - sus the Sav - ior.

39

42 rit. *f*unis.

Who are *f*unis.

42 *mf* rit.

44 With power and confidence ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 69$ )

these that march from death un - to life? These are

With power and confidence ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 69$ )

*f*

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46

all who love Je - sus the Sav - ior. And \_\_\_\_\_

3

46

3 3 3 3 3 3

3

48

how do they tri - umph o'er the gates of hell? Through the

3

48

3 3 3 3 3 3

3

50

grace of Him, Je - sus the Sav - ior \_\_\_\_\_ He is

3

50

3 3 3 3 3 3

3

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10

53

*ff*

born to re-deem, let ev - 'ry heart re - joice! He brings

53

*ff*

55

*f unis.*

peace joy and love to all the world. Oh, *f unis.*

55

57

where shall I find Him? Where shall I seek? He is

*f*

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59

here e - ven now, Je - sus my Sav -

3

59

3

61

**[62]** *cresc.*

ior. And He is pres - ent e - ven

*cresc.*

61

**[62]**

*cresc.*

63

*ff*

*rit.*

now! Christ the Lord!

*ff*

63

*ff*

*rit.*

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