

Virgin-born, We Bow Before Thee

SATB a cappella

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With serenity (♩ = c. 52)

p

Soprano
Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee: bles - sed

Alto
Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee: bles - sed

Tenor
Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee: bles - sed

Bass
Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee: bles - sed

For rehearsal only

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was the womb that bore thee; Ma - ry, Mo - - ther

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was the womb that bore thee; Ma - ry, Mo - - ther

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9 rit. a tempo *pp*

meek and mild, _____ bles - sed was she in her Child.

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meek and mild, _____ bles - sed was she in her Child. _____

meek and mild, _____ bles - sed was she in her Child. _____

9 rit. a tempo

13 *pp*

Bles - sed was the breast that fed thee;

pp

Bles - sed was the breast that fed thee;

p

bles - sed was the hand that

p

bles - sed was the hand that

13

18 *f*

bles - sed was the par - ent's eye that

f

bles - sed was the par - ent's eye that

f

led thee; bles - sed was the par - ent's eye that

f

led thee; bles - sed was the par - ent's eye that

18

22 *p*

watched thy slum - bering in - fan - cy. Bles - sed

p

watched thy slum - bering in - fan - cy. Bles - sed

p

watched thy slum - bering in - fan - cy. Bles - sed

p

watched thy slum - bering in - fan - cy. Bles - sed

22

26

she by all cre - a - tion, who brought forth the

she by all cre - a - tion, who brought forth the

she by all cre - a - - - tion, who brought forth the

she by all cre - a - - - tion, who brought forth the

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world's sal - va - tion, and bles - sed they for ev - er blest, —

world's sal - va - tion, and bles - sed they — for ev - er blest, —

world's sal - va - - tion, and bles - sed they — for ev - er blest, —

world's sal - va - - tion, and bles - sed they — for ev - er blest, —

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who love thee most and serve thee best. *pp* Vir - gin -

who love thee most and serve thee best. *pp* Vir - gin -

who love thee most and serve thee best. _____

who love thee most and serve thee best. _____

38

- born, we bow be - fore thee;

- born, we bow be - fore thee;

p bles - sed was the womb that bore thee;

p bles - sed was the womb that bore thee;

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43 *f* Ma - ry, Mo - ther meek and mild, *p* bles - sed was —

Ma - ry, Mo - ther meek and mild, *p* bles - sed was

Ma - ry, Mo - ther meek and mild, — bles - sed was —

Ma - ry, Mo - ther meek and mild, — bles - sed was —

47 *rall.* *dimin.* she in her Child. —

dimin. she in her Child, — in her Child. —

dimin. — she in her Child, — in her Child. —

dimin. — she in her Child, her Child. —

47 *rall.*