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## Choral Variations

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SATB a cappella

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for David Lowry

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English Carol, 15th c.

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**Allegro** (♩ = c. 128)  
*f*

Soprano  
A Babe is born all of a may,\* to bring sal-va-tion

Alto  
A Babe is born all of a may,\* to bring sal-va-tion

Tenor  
A Babe is born all of a may,\* to bring sal-va-tion

Bass  
A Babe is born all of a may,\* to bring sal-va-tion

For rehearsal only

\*may = maid

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un-to us. To him we sing both night and day. Ve - ni cre - a - tor

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un-to us. To him we sing both night and day. Ve - ni cre - a - tor

un-to us. To him we sing both night and day. Ve - ni cre - a - tor

8

*Spi - ri - tus.\** At Beth - le - hem, that bless - ed place, the

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\**Veni, Creator Spiritus* = Come, Creator Spirit

child of bliss now born he was; and him to serve God give us grace, O

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child of bliss now born he was; and him to serve God give us grace, O

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16 *mf*  
lux be - a - ta Trin - i - tas.\* There came three kings out

lux be - a - ta Trin - i - tas.\* There came three

8 *mf*  
lux be - a - ta Trin - i - tas.\* There came three

16 *mf*  
lux be - a - ta Trin - i - tas.\* There came three

\*O Lux Beata Trinitas = O Blessed Light, Trinity

of the East, to wor-ship the King that is so free, with  
 kings, to wor-ship the King that is so free, with  
 8 kings, to wor-ship the King that is so free, with  
 20 kings, to wor-ship the King that is so free, with

23 gold and myrrh and frank-incense, A so-lis or-tus car-di-ne.\* -  
 gold and myrrh and frank-in-cense, A so - lis or - tus car-di-ne.\* -  
 8 gold and myrrh and frank-in-cense, A so - lis or - tus car-di-ne.\* -  
 23 gold and myrrh and frank-in-cense, A so - lis or - tus car-di-ne.\* -

\**A solis ortus cardine* = Risen from the point of the sun

27

*f*

— The shep - herds heard an — an - gel's cry, a

a mer - ry —

27

30

mer - ry song that night sung he.

song that night, a song that night sung he. "Why

*f*

The shep - herds heard an — an - gel's cry,

*f*

a mer - ry —

30

“Why are ye so, so sore a - ghaſt?” Jam  
 are ye ſo, why are ye ſo ſore a - ghaſt?” Jam  
 “Why are ye, why are ye ſo ſore a - ghaſt?” Jam  
 ſong that night ſung he. “Why ſore a - ghaſt?” Jam

or - tus so - lis car - di - ne.\* The an - gels came down  
 or - tus - so - lis car - di - ne.\* The an - gels came down  
 or - tus so - lis car - di - ne.\* The an - gels came down  
 or - tus so - lis car - di - ne.\* The an - gels came down

\*Jam ortus solis cardine = Now risen from the point of the sun



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with one cry, a fair — song that night sung they —

with one cry, a fair — song that night sung they —

8 with one cry, — a fair — song that night sung

40 with one cry, — a fair — song that night sung

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43

— all in the wor - ship of that — child: — Glo -

— all in the wor - ship of that child: — Glo -

8 they all in the wor - ship of that — child: Glo -

43 they all in the wor - ship of that child: Glo -

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- ri - a ti - bi Do - mi - ne.\* \_\_\_\_\_ Glo - ri - a ti - bi

- ri - a ti - bi Do - mi - ne.\* \_\_\_\_\_ Glo - ri - a ti - bi

- ri - a ti - bi Do - mi - ne.\* \_\_\_\_\_ Glo - ri - a ti - bi

- ri - a ti - bi Do - mi - ne.\* \_\_\_\_\_ Glo - ri - a ti - bi

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50 rit.

Do - mi - ne.

Do - mi - ne.

Do - mi - ne. Glo - ri - a ti - bi Do - mi - ne. (mi)

Do - mi - ne. Glo - ri - a Do - mi - ne.

50 rit.

\*Gloria tibi Domine = Glory to you, Lord

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