

To my children: Gloria, Ethelyn, and Thomas

I Know a Rosetree

SATB a cappella

Speier Gebetbuch, 1599
Tr. Harriet R. K. Spaeth, (alt.)
(1845-1925)

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Op. 188

Flowing (♩ = ca. 60)

p

Soprano
I know a rose-tree spring - ing Forth from an an-cient

p

Alto
I know — a rose-tree spring - ing — Forth from an an-cient

p

Tenor
I know — a rose-tree spring - ing Forth from an an-cient

p

Bass
I know a rose-tree spring - ing — Forth from an an-cient

For rehearsal only

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root, As saints of old were sing - ing From Jes - se came the

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8

rall. *p* a tempo

shoot That bore the blos - som bright A - mid the cold of

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shoot That bore the blos - som bright A - mid the cold of

shoot That bore the blos - som bright A - mid the cold of

12 *pp dolce*

win - ter, When half - spent was the night. This rose - tree, blos - som

div. unis. *pp dolce*

win - ter, When half - spent was the night. This rose - tree, blos - som

pp dolce

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pp dolce

win - ter, When half - spent was the night. This rose - tree, blos - som

12

16

la - den, where - of I - sai - ah spake, Is Ma - ry, spot - less mai - den, Who

la - den, where - of I - sai - ah spake, Is Ma - ry, spot - less mai - den, Who

la - den, where - of I - sai - ah spake, Is Ma - ry, spot - less mai - den, Who

la - den, where - of I - sai - ah spake, Is Ma - ry, spot - less mai - den, Who

16

rall.

a tempo

, pp

21

moth - ered for our sake, The lit - tle Child, new - born By

moth - ered for our sake, The lit - tle Child, new - born By

moth - ered for our sake, — The lit - tle Child, new - born — By

moth - ered for our sake, The lit - tle Child, new - born By

21

25

God's e - ter - nal coun - sel On that first Christ - mas morn. O

God's e - ter - nal coun - sel On that — first Christ - mas morn. O

God's e - ter - nal coun - sel On that first Christ - mas morn. O

God's e - ter - nal coun - sel On that — first Christ - mas morn. O

25

mf espr.

mf espr.

mf espr.

mf espr.

29

Flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the

Flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the

Flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the

Flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the

29

32

air, Dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor The

air, Dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor The

air, Dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor The

air, Dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor The

32

35 *f* *rall.* *p*

dark - ness ev'- ry - where; True man, yet ve- ry God, From

dark - ness ev'- ry - where; True man, yet ve- ry God, From

dark - ness ev'- ry - where; True man, yet ve- ry God, From

dark - ness ev'- ry - where; True man, yet ve- ry God, From

39 *Slower* *rall.*

sin and death now save us, And share our ev'- ry load.

sin and death now save us, And share our ev'- ry load.

sin and death now save us, And share our ev'- ry load.

sin and death now save us, And share our ev'- ry load.