To my Mother

A SPOTLESS ROSE

14th-century German hymn
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

With easeful movement

Soprano

A Spot-less Rose is blowing, Sprung from a ten-
der root, Of an-cient seers' fore-show-ing, Of Jes-se prom-ised

Alto

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Tenor

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Bass

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\[\text{rit.} \quad \text{A tempo}\]

**winter, And in the dark midnight.**

\[\text{solo (tenor or baritone)}\]

**The Rose which I am singing, Whereof I**

\[\text{ppp (remotely)}\]

**A Spotless Rose is**

\[\text{ppp (remotely)}\]

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\[\text{ppp (remotely)}\]

**sai-ah said, Is from its sweet root springing In Mary, purest**

**blowing, Sprung from a ten**

**blowing, Sprung from a ten**

**blowing, Sprung from a ten**

**blowing, Sprung from a ten**
Maid; For throughout God’s great love and might, The Bless-ed Babe she

- der root; Its bud un-folds in the

- der root; Its bud un-folds in the

- der root; Its bud un-folds in the

ra-l.  ------------------------------- A tempo

bare us In a cold, cold win-ter’s night.

dark mid-night. The

dark mid-night. The

dark mid-night. The

dark mid-night. The

Rose which I am sing-ing, Where-of I-sai-ah said, Is

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through our God's great love and might, The Bless-ed Babe she

bare us In a cold, cold win-ter's night._

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