

Before Jesus

Mixed Chorus SATB and Piano

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Semplicemente ♩ = 60 (S + A) *mp*

Soprano
Alto

Be-fore Je - sus was his mo-ther. Be-fore

Tenor
Bass

(T + B) *mp*

Piano

mp

Pedal ad lib.

5

SA

sup - per in the up - per room, break-fast in the barn. Be-fore the

TB

2
8

SA
Pass-o-ver Feast, a feeding trough. And here, the al-tar of Earth, fair lin-ens of

TB
(Tenors) *mf*

mf

12 *poco rit.* *a tempo* (S + A)

SA
hay and seed. Be-fore his cry, her cry. Be -

TB
mp

poco rit. *a tempo* *mp*

17

SA
fore his sweat of blood, her bleed-ing and tears.

TB

mp

20

SA Be - fore his of - fer - ing, *mf* hers. *mf* Be - fore *mf* the break - ing of *p*

TB *mf* *p*

mf *Legato*

23

SA bread_ and death, the break - ing of her bo - dy in birth.

TB bread_ and death, Break - ing in birth.

4
26

Be-fore the of-fer-ing of the cup, the of-fer-ing of her breast.

SA
Be - fore the cup, the of-fer-ing of her breast.

TB
Be - fore the cup, the of-fer-ing of her breast.

30

(S + A) *mp* *p*

SA
Be-fore his blood, her blood, her blood.

(T + B) *mp* Be-fore his blood, her blood.

TB
Be-fore his blood, her blood.

34

mf

SA
And
And by her bod - y and blood a - lone, his bod - y and blood and

mf

TB
And by her bod - y and blood a - lone, his bod - y and blood and

mf Legato

37

SA whole hu-man be - ing. The —

TB (T + B) *mf*

f *mf*

41

SA wise ones knelt to hear — the wo-man's word in won-der. Hold-ing

TB *mf*

mf *f* *mf*

45

SA up her sa-cred child, Her spark of God in the form of a babe,

TB

Legato

3 3

6
49 (Sopranos) (S + A)

SA she said: "Re - ceive and let your hearts be healed and your lives be filled with

TB

mp

53 *mp*

SA love, for — This is my bo - dy, —

TB

mp

56 *poco rit.*

SA This is my blood."

TB

poco rit.
p