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To my father

THEME FROM A BOY WAS BORN

16th century
German words
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Lento (♩ = 52-56)
pp sostenuto

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

A Boy was born in Beth - le - hem; Re - joice for that, Je -

pp sostenuto *p* *(p)*

- ru - sa - lem! Al - le - lu - ya, Al - le - lu - ya, Al - le -

p *mf*

- lu - - ya, He let him - self a ser - vant be, That all man -

p *più f*

mf (il basso marcato) *più f*

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- kind he might set free: *f* Al - le - lu - - ya, Al - le -

- lu - ya, *ff* Al - le - lu - ya, *sf* Al - le - lu - - ya. *f marcato* Then

mf praise the Word of God who came To dwell with - in a *dim.*

p hu - man frame: *sempre più p* Al - le - lu - ya, *pp* Al - le - lu - ya, Al - le -

- lu - ya, *rall.* *pp* Al - le - lu - ya, Al - le - lu - - - ya. *pp* *rall.*