

GLORY TO THAT NEWBORN KING

for mixed choir a cappella

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(2020)

PERUSAL SCORE

PROGRAMME NOTES

This setting is inspired by a spiritual which I first heard sung by the legendary Pentecostal Rhythm Boys. My intention was to create something very simple, but without being simplistic and the idea was to set the text in a very calm style, like a lullaby.

The idea of repetition is something that is often present in a spiritual, where a message often repeats several times. I have also implemented the idea of call and response, and as in many spirituals, I have set this piece with a call or chant which is followed by a repeated mantra. I tried to evoke melancholy, as a contrast to a lot of other Christmas music. The “glory” is not a cheerful “glory”, it is a subtle and thoughtful “glory” in a minor key, with a soft dynamic.

The original version of this piece was written in 2013 for male voices, and was premiered by a group of singers from the youth choir Mixtum in Dalby kyrka, Sweden. An adaptation for mixed voices was created in 2020 and was premiered by Helsingborgs Kammarkör, conducted by Sverker Zadig, on 3 December 2022 in Strövelstorps kyrka, Strövelstorp, Sweden.

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TEXT

O Mary, what you gonna name that pretty little baby? Glory to that newborn King!

Some call him one thing, I think I'll say Emmanuel. Glory to that newborn King!

Some call him one thing, I think I'll call him Jesus. Glory to that newborn King!

Some call him one thing, I think I'll call him our dear. Glory to that newborn King!

Traditional

PERFORMANCE NOTES

* = Sing on the consonant.

..... = No breath (no gap between the notes).

Composed 2022

Duration c. 3 minutes

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TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

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Soft, molto rubato (♩ = c. 60)

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

Solo ad. lib
mf dolce

Oh — Ma - ry, what you gon - na name that

5

S.
A.

T.
B.

p

Tutti
p

pret - ty lit - tle va - ry - ing
Glo - ry!

9

S.
A.

T.
B.

Glo - ry! Glo - ry to that new - born

13

S.
A.

T.
B.

king,
king.

king,
king.

17 *mf* \triangleright *p* *mf* \triangleright *p*

S. A. Some.* Some.*

T. B. *mf*

Some call him one thing, I think I say Em - ma - u - el.

21 *p* *p*

S. A. Glo - - ry! Glo - - ry!

T. B. *p*

Glo - - ry! Glo - - ry!

25

S. A. Glo - ry to that new born king,

T. B. Glo - ry to that new - born king,

29 *pp* *mp dolce* *pp* *mp dolce*

S. A. Oh

T. B. king. Oh



33

S. A. Ma - ry, what you gon - na name_ that pret - lit - tle

T. B. Ma - ry, what you gon - na name_ that pret - ty lit - tle

37

S. A. ba - by? *p* Glo - ry! Glo -

T. B. ba - by? *p* Glo - ry! Glo -

41

S. A. ry! Glo - ry to that new - born king, _____

T. B. ry! Glo - ry to that new - born king,

45

S. A. king. *mf* Some.* *p*

T. B. king. *mf* Some call him



49

S. *mf* *p*

A. Some.*

T. *p*

B. one thing, I think I call him Je - su Glo -

53

S. - ry! Glo - ry Glo - ry to that

A. - ry! Glo - ry to that

T. - ry! Glo - ry to that

B. - ry! Glo - ry to that

57

S. new - born king.

A. new - born king.

T. new - born king,

B. new - born king,

61

S. *p* *f marcato*

A. *p* *f marcato*

T. *f marcato*

B. *f marcato*

Solo ad. lib *mf dolce* Tutti *f marcato*

Some call him one thing, I



65 *p subito* \rightarrow *f*

S. A. think I call him Sa - viour.____

T. B. think I call him Sa - viour.____

p subito \rightarrow *f*

tranquillo

68 *pp teneramente*

S. A. Glo - - ry, - - - - - ry!

T. B. *pp teneramente*
Glo - - - - - ry!

72

S. A. Glo - - - - - glo - - - - - ry!

T. B. Glo - - - - - ry!_____

poco rit.

76 *mf dolce* *p subito*

S. A. Ce - r to that new - born king!_____

T. B. *mf dolce* *p*
Glo - ry to that new - born king!

