

CAROL OF THE BIRDS

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SAB, organ



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SAB and organ

Bas-Quercy
Noël des ausèls,
traditional carol from Bas-Quercy (Southwest France)
tr. anonymous

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Misterioso (♩ = 86)

1 Flutes 8', 2'

Organ *mf* freely

No ped. 7

4

7 6

10 Soprano *p* *ten.*

Whence comes this rush of wings a - far,

p *ten.* 1.h.

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13 *rubato* , *a tempo*

fol - low - ing straight the No - el star? Birds from the woods in

pp

*Opt. Ped.: Flute 4', (2 2/3)

16 *ten.* 3 *poco rit.*

won - drous flight, Beth - le - hem seek this ho - ly night.

poco rit.

19 *tr.* 3 3

22 3 6

Baritone **Giocoso**
24 *mf*

Tell us, ye birds, why come ye here, in - to this sta - ble,

Giocoso
Add

mf

8' Pedal No ped.

27

poor and drear? "Hast - 'ning we seek the new - born King,

30 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

and all our sweet - est mu - sic bring."

poco rit. *a tempo*

7 Ped. 8' or manual coupled to pedal

* All appoggiaturas are to be played on the beat.

34

sim.

Soprano
38 *mp dolce*

Alto

Hark how the green - finch bears his part, Phi - lo - mel, too, with

p

41

ten - der__ heart, chants__ from her leaf - y dark re - treat,

Baritone

mp

re,___

44 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

re, mi, fa, sol, in ac - cents sweet.

poco rit. *a tempo*

mi, fa, sol, in ac - cents sweet.

47 *mf*

49