

WORD OF GOD, COME DOWN ON EARTH

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LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER
Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673
arr. Thomas Keesecker

Anxiously at first (♩ = 116)

Organ

mp

Man.

4

Solo

sim.

7

10

stretch

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

13

16

Freely (♩ = 84)

19 Soprano *p*
Alto
Tenor
Bass

I Word of God, liv - ing
mf
Solo or unis.
come down on earth, _____

Freely (♩ = 84)

*

22

rain; _____ touch our
rain from heav - en de - scend - ing; _____

*Organ may double voices if needed.

25

hearts, bring to birth

touch our hearts, faith and

28

Word, al-might-y, we re-vere you;

hope and love un-end-ing. Word al-might-y, we re-vere you;

Ped.

32

Word made flesh, we long to, Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word made flesh, we long to hear

44 *mf*
Word that came from heav'n to die,
p
Word from heav - en,

47
cru - ci - fied_ for our sal - va - tion,

50 *mf*
sav - ing Word, the world re - stor - ing,

53

speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.

56

rit.

rit.

cresc. *rit.*

Man. Ped.

Hymn tempo

59 Descant ***f***

3 Word that speaks ten - der love, one with God be -

Soprano ***f*** + Assembly

Alto

* 3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -

Tenor ***f***

Bass

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