

# A STABLE LAMP IS LIGHTED

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*for the choir of Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota*

Richard Wilbur, 1921–2017

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**With lilting movement** (♩ = c. 76)

*unis. mp*

The musical score is written for Unison Voices and Piano or Harp. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked 'With lilting movement' with a quarter note equal to approximately 76 beats per minute. The piano part starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The lyrics are: 'sta - ble lamp is light - ed whose glow shall wake the sky; the stars shall bend their voic - es, and ev - 'ry stone shall cry. And'. The score includes a triplet of eighth notes in the vocal line at measure 3 and a triplet of eighth notes in the piano line at measure 5.

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ev - 'ry stone shall cry, and straw like gold shall shine; a

9 C instrument

barn shall har - bor heav - en, a stall be - come a shrine.

*mp*

11

11

16

14

*mf*

Soprano *unis. mf*

Alto

Tenor *unis. mf*

Bass

*mf*

This child through Da-vid's cit-y shall

17

ride in tri-umph by; the palm shall strew its branch-es, and

19

ev - 'ry stone shall cry. And ev - 'ry stone shall cry, though heav - y,

21

dull, and dumb, and lie with - in the road - way to

*mp*