

The Christmas Symbol

for SATB divisi voices, a cappella*

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F. Melius Christiansen, 1871–1955

Largo (♩ = 46) (*Tranquillo*)

The musical score is for SATB voices and piano. It is in 2/4 time and B-flat major. The tempo is Largo (♩ = 46) and the mood is Tranquillo. The score is divided into two systems. The first system covers measures 1-4, and the second system covers measures 5-8. The vocal parts are Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The piano part is for a four-part piano. The lyrics are: "On - ly a man - ger, cold and bare, A man - ger cold and bare, On - ly a maid on - ly a maid - en mild, on - ly some a maid - en mild, on - ly, on - ly a maid - en mild, on - ly, on - ly en mild, on - ly". The piano part includes a section marked "for rehearsal only" in measures 1-4. Dynamics include *p* and *mf*. The score is published by Augsburg Publishing House, 1947.

*Sop. I part may be a solo with all other parts humming. Repeat mm. 1–2 (ATB only, humming) as an opt. introduction.
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shep - herds kneel - ing there, watch - ing a lit - tle child,
 — kneel - ing watch - ing a lit - tle child,
 — kneel - ing watch - ing a child,
 watch - ing a child,

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mf and yet that maid - en's arms en - fold the
mf and yet that maid - en's arms en -
mf and yet that maid - en's arms en - fold the
mf and maid - en's arms