

Dedicated to the honor and memory of Dr. John Boda, teacher and friend

# Before The Paling of the Stars

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Flowing ♩ = ca. 48

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral format. It includes staves for Flute 1 and 2, Oboe 1 and 2, Clarinet in B♭ 1 and 2, Bass Clarinet, Bassoon 1 and 2, Horn in F 1 and 2, Horn in F 3 and 4, Trumpet in B♭ 1 and 2, Trombone 1 and 2, Tuba, Harp, Handbells, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Contrabass. The score is in 6/8 time and begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The vocal line for the Soprano part includes the lyrics: *p* Be - fore the pal - ing of the stars, Be - fore the win - ter's morn, Be - fore the ear - li - est cock - crow.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

B♭ Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

Tuba

Hp.

H.B.

S

A

T

B

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

*mp*

*p*

*pizz.*

*arco*

Je - sus Christ was born. *mp* Je - sus on His moth - er's breast, In the sta - ble

*mp* Je - sus in the sta - ble, sta - ble

*p*

Fl. 1  
 Fl. 2  
 Ob. 1  
 Ob. 2  
 B♭ Cl. 1  
 B♭ Cl. 2  
 B. Cl.  
 Bsn. 1  
 Bsn. 2  
 Hn. 1, 2  
 Hn. 3, 4  
 B♭ Tpt. 1, 2  
 Tbn. 1, 2  
 Tuba  
 Hp.  
 H.B.  
 S  
 A  
 T  
 B  
 Vln. I  
 Vln. II  
 Vla.  
 Vc.  
 Cb.

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