

# THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS

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## FOREWORD

The Christmas story is more than the recounting of the birth of Jesus for the story had begun long ago with the dawn of all creation. When man sinned and fell from favor in the sight of God, God instituted a plan to reconcile mankind to Himself. By His covenants with men and by His prophets God made THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS. His eternal Word was with Him in the beginning and it was this Word, this Son, this Savior that God promised to give for mankind. And when that Word became flesh as the Child of Bethlehem, God's plan was set in motion.

This work is a celebration, not only of the advent of His birth, but of God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promise. As you sing this music I hope you're able to catch a glimpse of the scope of God's plan, the depth of His mercy and the priceless value of His eternal love for man.

DAN BURGESS

## 1. Overture and 2. The Promise

D.B.

DAN BURGESS  
Arr. by Bob Krogstad  
Piano accompaniment by Dick Bolk and Harold Peck

*Majestically*

"The Promise"

[14] "The Royal Line"

[18]

simile

[22]

[26]

[30]

[38]

[42]

[46]

[50]

[55] *Slowing*

subito mp freely

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[60] "Let This Child Be Born in You"

*Expressively*

[77]

*In a moderate tempo*

[83]

*broadening*

[86]

[95]

mf

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[99] "The Promise"

WOMEN *mp* *Lightly*  
The prom-ise of the

a - ges has come to live a -

[103] mong us, The hope of all man - kind is born, let the  
MEN *mf* *div.*

glo - ry sound, let joy a - bound! The

[108] pre - cious Lamb of glo - ry now be - comes sal - va - tion's

[112] sto - And all the earth re - joic - es for God's

[116] plan is be - gun in the birth of His Son; Mes - si has

come! Mes - si has come, And the

hosts of heav - en sing the glo - ry of God! the glo - ry of God! Mes -

[124] si ah has come! Mes - si ah has

come, For the hope of all man - kind lie - a - sleep - ing in a man - ger in

[134] *rit.* Beth - le - hem. *Free* *mp* *continue!*

# 3. O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Latin hymn, 12th century  
Trans. by John M. Neale-att

Plain-song, 13th century  
Arr. by Bob Krogstad  
Piano accompaniment by Dick Bolks

\*NARRATOR: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the shadow of death a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

Freely

*p* *mp*

[11] In moderate tempo, not rushed

*mf* *mp*

MEN in unison  
sing smoothly

[15]

O come, O come Em - man - u - el, And

*p* *mp*

8va

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WOMEN in unison  
Flowing

[35] *mp*

O come, Thou Rod of

*p* *mp*

(8va)

[40]

Jes - se, Free Thine from Ro - man's tyr - an -

[43]

ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save, And

*mp*

*mf*

Broadening

[18]

ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in low

*p*

[24]

ex - ile here, Un - til the Son of God ap -

*mp* *mf*

\* Emphasize melody [27]

div. *mf* *mp*

pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -

*mf* *sub mp*

[31]

shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

*p*

8va

\* optional, unison melody  
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[46]

give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

*mf*

[49]

joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall

*mp* *mf*

[53]

come to thee, O Is - ra - el. O

*mf*

With strength

*mf*

Broadening

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[57] [60]

come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spir - its by Thine

ad vent here; drive a - way the shades of

night, and pierce the clouds and bring us light!

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[70] [74] [78]

Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O

Is - el

Fine

L.3075

### 4. The Royal Line

D. B. DAN BURGESS  
 Arr. by Bob Krogstad  
 Piano accompaniment by Dick Bolks

NARRATOR: (No music) From the beginning God established His covenant with man. (Music begins) Even as sin made its first appearance in the garden of Eden, God gave His promise of hope for salvation from the penalty of sin. His covenants with Adam, Noah, Abraham and David established a royal line; a genealogy of hope for fallen man. A family for the Messiah, Savior and King.

*♩ = 80*

[15] [17]

*p mp mf mp*

*mf*

*In a moderate tempo*

[17] MEN in unison  
*mf* With a full, lusty tone  
 A - dam, No - ah, A - bra - ham and Da - vid:

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[21] [25] [29]

Each an heir to the roy - al line;

*simile*

Men of God and son His cov - en - ant,

WOMEN in unison  
*Smoothly mp*

Each part of His grand de - sign.

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[81]

[85]

[89]

[105] *With fervor!*

A - dam, No - ah, A - bra - ham and Da - vid

[109]

Each an heir to roy - al line;

[113]

Men of God and sons of His cov - en - ant,

[93]

[97]

Lo, lo, loo, loo, loo, loo, loo, loo, loo, loo.

Lo, lo, loo, loo, loo, loo, loo, loo, loo.

[101]

[117]

Each a part of His grand de - sign.

[121]

Na - tion of prom - ise, Li - ble of the Lamb,

[125]

Hope for the world, the fam - ly of 'I Am!'

*Broadening* [132] *With strength*  
*In tempo, but broader*

Sors of God and fa - ther, His

*Broadening* *In tempo, but broader*

[136]

na - tion, Cho - sen seed of the Son of man;

[140] [144]

A dam No - ah, A - bra - ham and Da - vid, Heirs of

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[148]

hope by God's sov - reign plan. Each an

[152]

heir to the roy al

[156] *Fine*

line

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### 5. The Lamb of God

D.B.

DAN BURGESS  
Arr. by Bob Kroghstad  
Piano accompaniment by Harold DeCeu

\*NARRATOR: God promised the coming of the Messiah through the prophets. "The Redeemer will come to Zion. I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation. A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. I will make a righteous branch sprout from David's line. I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come. The Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and will call him Emmanuel."

Because of His great love for man, God promised again and again that He would send salvation. The Father, who gives every good and perfect gift, was preparing to give His eternal gift to mankind.

*Freely, expressively*  
*mp*

[6] [10]

[15] [19]

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WOMEN  
*Sweetly*  
*mp*

[23] *In tempo, relaxed*

Every

[25]

good and per - fect gift is from a - bove. For the

gifts the Fa - ther gives are gifts of love; The

[33] *mf* *div.*

er and might of the Fa - ther of light Is re -

L.3075



flect - ed in His faith - ful - ness to man,

[41]

joy or in pain His love re - mains the same, His

MEN

*mf*

truth will for - ever stand. The

[49]

com - ing from of sal - va - tion for man - kind Was a

CHOIR

*mp* *rall.*

Lamb of God will come. And we will be - hold the

[73]

*a tempo*

Lamb of God, the King of Kings, The Prince of

*mf*

Peace, Lord of Lords, the Might - y God; Won - der - ful

gift from God the Fa - ther for all time— A

[57]

si - ah fore - told, as cen - tu - ries un - fold With great

long - ing we a - wait the ho - ly One; And

[65]

wish that day is here sal - va - tion will ap - pear, For the

[81]

Coun - se - lor, the hope for man,

Cor - ner - stone of God's e - ter - nal plan,

[89] *With a sense of wonder!*

Be - hold the Lamb of God, the King of Kings, Prince of

Peace, Lord of Lords, the Might - y God:

[97] *mf* Won - der - ful Coun - se - lor, *mp* hope for man,

*rit.* *mp* *slowly* He the Cor - ner - stone of God's e - ter - nal plan!

*rit.* *p*

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*Freely*

*mp*

*rit.* *mp* *slowly*

*rit.* *p*

*mf* *Fine*

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\*NARRATOR: "The Lord has made proclamation to the ends of the earth: See, your Savior comes! Though Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from old, from ancient times. . . And he will be our peace."

By His covenants and by His prophets, God made the promise, and the Old Testament scriptures come to an end and mankind enters a period of four hundred years of silence, all of creation awaits the fulfillment.

### 6. Gabriel

D.B. DAN BURGESS  
 Arr. by Bob Krugstad  
 Piano accompaniment by Harold DeCoo

\*NARRATOR: In the fullness of God's time, God sent the angel, Gabriel, to a priest named Zechariah. He and his wife, Elizabeth, were upright in the sight of God. They had no children, because Elizabeth was barren; and they were both well along in years. But, when Gabriel appeared to Zechariah, he told the priest that Elizabeth would bear them a son. The boy was to be called John, and he would be great in the sight of the Lord, for John was to become the forerunner; the one destined to prepare the way for Messiah, the Christ.

Six months later, God sent the angel, Gabriel, to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

*Freely* \*

*p*

[7] *mp*

[15] *Moderately, in tempo* *mp*

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### 40 [17] TENOR SOLO

*Moderately* *mp*

Greet - ings, Ma - ry, you who are high - ly fa - vored! The

Lord is with you, the Lord is with you.

*v. h. detached*

\*NARRATOR: Mary was greatly troubled at his words, and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

[25] *p*

[29] *Solo Continuo* *mf*

be a - afraid, Ma - ry, do not be a -

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mp

fraid, For you have found fa - vor

[38] *With greater intensity*

God. You will be with

child and give birth to a son, And you shall

call his name, call his name Em - man - u - el, Em -

\*NARRATOR: And Mary asked the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." And Mary answered, "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

[58] mp

CHOIR  
With excitement!  
mf

And you shall

[66] mf

call his name, call his name Em - man - u - el, Em -

[46] ff

man - u - el. He will be great, he will be

great, And he'll be called the Son of the Most High, the

[54]

Lord God will give him the throne of Da - vid, He'll reign in the house of

Da - dah for - ev - er and his king - dom will have no end.

[70] ff (Solo, continued)

He will be great,

man - u - el. will be

he will be great, And he'll be called the Son of the Most

great, he will be great.

mf

High, the Lord God will give him the throne of

Da - vid, He'll reign in the house of Ju - dah for - ev - er and his

*mf* Ah, his reign in the house of Ju - dah for - ev - er,

king - dom will have no end, His king - dom will have no

His king - dom will

end, no end!

end!

*Fine*

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### 7. My Soul Praises the Lord

Luke 1:46-55

DAN BURGESS  
 Arr. by Bob Kragstad  
 Piano accompaniment by Heidi DeCou

**NARRATOR:** (Without music) Mary hurried to a town in the hill country of Judah, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. (Music begins) When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!" And Mary said:

*Relaxed*

*p*

[6]

*ALTO SOLO*  
 Tenderly *mp*

soul prais - es the Lord,

*mp*

And my spir - it re - joic - es in God my Sav

[17]

My soul prais - es the Lord,

He has been mind - ful of the hum - ble state of His

*mf* [25]

ant. Now all gen - er - a - tions will

*mf*

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call me bless-ed, the Might-y One has done great things for me:

*mp*  
Ho-ly is His name, ho-ly is His name!

[33]  
For gen-er-a-tions His mer-cy ex-tends to those who

*mf*  
My

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soul prais-es the Lord, He has per-

CHOIR  
*mp*  
Ooo, my soul prais-es the Lord

*mf*

formed might-y deeds with His arm: My

*mf*  
Ooo, Ooo, He's per-formed might-y deeds;

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[48]  
soul prais-es the Lord, He has

Ooo, my soul prais-es the Lord

lit-ed the hum-ble, He's

*mf*  
He has lift-ed up the hum-ble, ooo,

*mf*

L.3078

[56]  
filled the hun-gry with good things, but the rich He has sent a-bey-

*mp*

emp-ty, He has heav-ed His serv-ant Is-ra-el, by His

*mp*  
Ooo doo,

*mf*

L.3078

mer - cy to the seed of A - bra-ham - He's been  
 doo, doo

[65]  
 faith - ful to the prom - ise, He's been faith - ful to the

prom - ise, He's been faith - ful to the prom - ise - my

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soul prais - es the Lord.

WOMEN  
 Tenderly  
*mp*  
 He's been

[75]  
 faith - ful to the prom - ise, He's been faith - ful to the

prom - ise, He's been faith - ful to the prom - ise - my

L.3075

[79]  
 He's been faith - ful to the prom - ise, and my

CHOIR  
 prom - ise, Ooo, doo,

*rit.* *Fine*  
 soul prais - es the Lord!

*p* *Fine*  
 doo, Praise the Lord!

*rit.* *Fine*

### 8. He Is Born

D.B.

DAN BURGESS  
 Arr. by Bob Krugstad  
 Piano accompaniment by Harold DeCoo

\*NARRATOR: In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem, the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son; she wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

*Slowly* *mf* *p*

[7] *mp* *p* *mp*

*p*

[15] *Bright, but not rushed (in two)*

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Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is born, sing His praise in all the

earth; — Al - le - lu - ia! lift up your voice and

cel - brate His birth. He is

born, He is born, Al - le - lu - ia, He is born, le

lu, Re - joice for the King of Kings is born; div. lu, div.

He is born, He is born, Al - le - lu - ia, He is y Al - le - lu - ia.

born, Al - le - lu, Re - joice for Mes - si ah is Al - le - lu,

born!

[47] *mf* Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is born, a child - An - cient of

[52] Days! Al - le - lu - ia! lift up your voice He's

He is wor - thy of our praise! He's wor - thy of praise. He is

[57] born, He is born, Al - le - lu - ia, He is born, le le - lu - ia, Al - le

[61] lu, Re - jice for the King of Kings is born;

[65] He is born, He is  
He is Al born, le lu ia, He is

[69] born, lu, Re - jice for Mes - si - ah is  
le lu,

[83] Al le lu ia! lift up your voice, And  
glo - ry to God in the high est, And on

cel e - brate His birth  
earth peace, good will toward men; (second time)

[91] In a broadened tempo  
He is born,

*Broadening*

[73] born!

[75] WOMEN (second time only)  
Al le lu ia! Je - su is born, sing His  
MEN (both times) Glo - ry to God in high est, And on

praise in all the earth sing His praise!  
earth peace good will toward men;

He is born, Re

joice for the King of Kings is born;

[101] He is born, He is



born, Re-joice for Mes-

si ah is born, Re-

[110] Re-joice re-joice, He's born, Re-  
joice for Mes-si-ah is born,

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[114] joice, for Mes-si-ah

*f mp* born, He is

[121] born! He is

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### 9. Simeon

D.B.

DAN BURGESS  
 Arr. by Bob Krogstad  
 Piano accompaniment by Harold DeCruz

\* NARRATOR: When the time of their purification had been completed, according to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took the Child to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord, and to offer a sacrifice. \* Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. It had been revealed to him, by the Holy Spirit, that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went in to the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus, Simeon took Him in his arms and praised God.

*Freely* *p*

[5]

[11] BARTONE SOLO  
 Earnestly  
*mp*  
 Through the

[13] I've lived a right-eous life, I've been de-

L.3075

vot-ed to the com-ing of the Hope of Is-ra-el;

[21] The Ho-ly Spir-it re-vealed to me that

I would not die Till I saw the Christ,

till I saw the Christ.

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And now the Ho - ly Spir - it has brought me to this

Child, And at I hold the

Prom - ise in my arms; This

[39] Child - ful - fills God's prom - ise to me, and His prom - ise to the

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world, Now I de - part in peace, I can dis - cein

peace! For I've seen Your sal - va - tion - this Child is sal -

va - tion, The glo - ry and light of all You've

[55] prom - ised since time be - gan; A sign to the na - tions -

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the Child of sal - va - tion - He's the

Cor - ner - stone of God's e - ter - nal

[63] (Solo, continued) Intensely! For I've seen Your sal - va - tion -

CHOR With strength *mf* Be - hold the Lamb of God, the King of

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this Child is sal - va - tion, The glo - ry and

Kings, The Prince of Peace, Lord of

light of all You've prom - ised since time be - gan;

Lord, the Might - y God; Won - der - ful

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[71] *mf*

A sign to the na - tions - this Child sal -  
Coun - se - lor, the Hope for man,

*mf*

va - tion is the Cor - ner - stone,  
He's the

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[79] *p*

He's the Cor - ner - stone of  
Cor - ner - stone,

*mp*

God's e - ter na - plan. *Fine*

L.3075

10. Let This Child Be Born in You  
and  
11. Finale

D.B.

DAVID BURGESS  
Arr. by Bob Krogstad  
Piano accompaniment by Harold G. Cou

\* NARRATOR: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light for men. The light shines in the darkness but the darkness has not understood it. The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

God's timeless, eternal plan is unchanged. Man comes to a relationship with God through His Son, Jesus, the Promise of Christmas, the Messiah, born to die that man might live.

*Freely* *p*

Beth - le - ham ful - filled the e - ter - nal plan, He was sent by  
God a - bove to die for man; Sin re - quired a  
ri - fi - cation and on this child was laid The price for re - deem - ing

L.3075

MEDIUM-VOICE SOLO

*Espressivo* *mp* [19]

*In a moderate tempo*

The ba - by born

*mp*

Beth - le - ham ful - filled the e - ter - nal plan, He was sent by

[27]

God a - bove to die for man; Sin re - quired a

*mp*

ri - fi - cation and on this child was laid The price for re - deem - ing

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all man-kind, and by His life and death it was paid!

[36] (Solo, continued)  
*mf*  
 Look to this child of Beth-le-hem and know why the an-gels  
 CHORUS  
*mf*  
 Look to this child of Beth-le-hem and know why the an-gels

*mf*

sing, Tho He was born to a hum-ble life, when He  
 sing,

new, The prom-ise was made, the price was paid, Let this  
 new,

(end of Solo)

child be born in you!  
 Let this child be born in you!

*Broadening slightly*

died He a-rose a king; And ac-  
 When He died He a-rose a king; And by ac-

*rall.*  
*mf*  
 Look to this child of Beth-le-hem and know why the an-gels  
 CHORUS  
*mf*  
 Look to this child of Beth-le-hem and know why the an-gels

*rall.*

cept-ing this child of Beth-le-hem hearts are made clean and  
 a tempo  
 cept-ing this child of Beth-le-hem hearts are made clean and

*a tempo*

[55] *a tempo*  
 Look to this child of Beth-le-hem, and know why the an-gels

*a tempo*

sing, Tho He was born to a hum-ble life, when He

died He a-rose a king, a-rose a king; And by ac-

*ff*

[64] *cept - ing this child — of Beth - le - hem hearts are made clean — and*

*new, The prom - ise was made — the price was*

*paid, Let this child be born in*

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[86] *With strength in tempo, but broader*  
Sons of God and

*Broadening In tempo, but broader*

[90] *fa - thers of His na - tion, Cho - sen seed of the*

[94] *Son of man — Ad - am, No - ah,*

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[73] "The Promise"  
*you!*

*hope of all man - kind is born, let the glo - ry sound, let*

"The Royal Line"  
*joy bound*

L.3075

[98] *A - bra - ham and Da - vid — Heirs of hope by God's*

*sov - reign plan, Each an*

[106] *heir to the roy*

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[110] *Slowing, majestically*

al line!

*Slowing, majestically*

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" [112]

Re-joice! re-

mp ff

*Slowing* ff

joice! Em-man-u-el Has

*Slowing* ff

Be-neath the starry skies

[118] [120]

come to thee, O Is-ra-el! Mes-si-ah has

come, Is-ra-el! Mes-si-ah has come, Is-ra-

el! Mes-si-ah has come!

*Slowing* Fine

el! Mes-si-ah has div. come!

*Slowing* Fine

Be-neath the starry skies