

St John of the Cross, trans. Roy Campbell

The Birth of Christ

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Commodo

♩ = 36 - 40

Soprano *p* Now that the sea-son was approach-ing of his long-expect-ed birth, Like a

Alto *p* Now that the sea-son was ap proach-ing of His long-ex-pec-ted birth Like a

Tenor *p* Now that the sea-son was approach-ing of His long-ex-pec-ted birth Like a

Bass *p* Now that the sea-son was approach-ing of His long-ex-pec-ted birth Like a

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S. bride-groom from His cham-ber He e-merged up-on our earth

A. bride-groom from His cham-ber He e-merged up-on our earth

T. bride-groom from His cham-ber He e-merged up-on our earth

B. bride-groom from His cham-ber He e-merged up-on our earth *mp* Cling-ing

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S. *legato*

A. *p* Close to His be-love-ed He lay

T. *legato* *p* Cling-ing close to His be-lo-ved, He lay

B. *p*

close to His be-lov-ed Whom He brought a long with Him, while the gra-cious Ma-ry

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S.

A.

T.

B.

18

S.

A.

T.

B.

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S.

A.

T.

B.