A Light in the Stable
A cantata for Christmas

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1. Prologue: Of our Maker’s love begotten

Prudentius (348–c.410)
and R. F. Davis (1866–1937), altd.

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
Melody from Piae Cantiones (1582)
arr. Alan Bullard

This work may be accompanied either by organ or piano alone, with optional Small Bell in the Prologue only (using this score), or by small orchestra or chamber group, as follows:
1 Fl., 1 Ob., 1 Cl. in B flat/A, 1 Bsn. (or B. Cl.), 1 Tpt. in B flat, 1 Hn. in F (opt.), 1 Perc. (opt.), and 1 Hp. (opt.), together with either string quintet, or string orchestra, or keyboard (organ or piano). The full score and set of parts (including keyboard) are available on hire from the Publisher’s Hire Library or appropriate agent.
4. The Shepherds*

Luke 2: 8–10a

Slowly and freely
SOLO, SMALL GROUP, or TUTTI

And there were in the same coun-try shep-herds a-bid-ing in the fields, keep-ing watch o-ver their flock by night. And, lo, the an-gel of the Lord came up on them,

Faster

and the glo-ry of the Lord shone round a bout them:

TUTTI and the glo-ry of the Lord shone round a bout them:

Slower

SOLO, SMALL GROUP, or TUTTI

and they were sore a-fraid.

Slower still

And the an-gel said un-to them:

* As an alternative to this movement, a reading may be substituted, for example Luke 2: 8–12
6. The Angels*

Luke 2: 13

With life $\frac{q}{c.104}$
SOLO, SMALL GROUP, or TUTTI

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude, a multitude of the heav’nly host praising God, and saying:

* As an alternative to this movement, a reading may be substituted, for example Luke 2: 13–14

7. Glory to God in the highest


Fast – with joyful energy and precision $\frac{q}{c.104}$
11. The shepherds visit the stable*

Luke 2: 15–16, 20

Moderato

SOLO, SMALL GROUP, or TUTTI

And the shepherds said to one another:

A little faster

Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass.

A little faster

They found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Lively

And they glorified and praised God for all the things they had seen.

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