

# Sister Mary

Negro Spiritual  
arranged Nicholas Brown

Slowly, with feeling (♩ = 40)

All

Soprano *mp* Solo  
Sis-ter Ma-ry had-a but one child, Born in Beth-le-hem, And ev-er-y time the

Contralto *p*  
Born in Beth-le-hem,

Tenor *p*  
Born in Beth-le-hem,

Bass *p*  
Born in Beth-le-hem,

7 *p* All  
ba-by cried she a rocked him in the wear-y land, she-a rocked him in the wear-y land.

*p*  
she-a rocked him in the wear-y land.

*p*  
she-a rocked him in the wear-y land.

*p* Solo *mf*  
she-a rocked him in the wear-y land. O

13 *mf*  
ve-ry far,

*mf*  
ve-ry far,

*mf*  
ve-ry far,

three wise men to Je-ru-sa-lem came, they tra-velled ve-ry far, They said,

18 *mf*  
"For we have seen His star".

*mf*  
"For we have seen His star".

*mf*  
"For we have seen His star".

*mf* All Solo  
"Where is he, born King of the Jews For we have seen his star? For we have seen His star". King

24

mf face was grim;  
 mf face was grim;  
 mf face was grim;  
 All mf Solo

He-rod's heart was trou-bled, He mar-velled but his face was grim;— face was grim;— He said,

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mp "I'll go and wor-ship Him".  
 mp "I'll go and wor-ship Him".  
 mp "I'll go and wor-ship Him".  
 All

"Tell me where the child may be found, I'll go and wor-ship him,— I'll go and wor-ship Him".

35

mp  
 pp Ah. Ah.  
 pp Ah. Ah.  
 pp Ah. Ah.

Sis-ter Ma-ry had a but one child, Born in Beth-le-hem,— And ev-er y time the ba-by cried she a

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pp  
 pp she-a rocked him in the wear-y land.  
 pp she-a rocked him in the wear-y land.  
 pp she-a rocked him in the wear-y land. Solo

rocked him in the wear-y land, she-a rocked him in the wear-y land. she-a rocked him in the wear-y land. she-a rocked him in the wear-y land. An an-gel ap peared to—

48

this a com-mand. —  
this a com-mand. —  
this a com-mand. — Solo

Jo-seph, And gave him this\_ a com - mand. — "A rise ye, take a your wife and child, Go

54

"Go flee in-to E - gypt's land."  
"Go flee in-to E - gypt's land."  
"Go flee in-to E - gypt's land."  
All Solo

flee in-to E -gypt's land. — Go flee in-to E - gypt's land. For yon-der comes old He-rod, A

60

wick-ed and bold. —  
wick-ed and bold. —  
wick-ed and bold. —  
All Solo

wick-ed man and bold. wick-ed and bold. He's slay-ing all the child-ren From six to eight days

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*mf* From six to eight days old. Ah. Born in Beth-le -  
*mf* From six to eight days old. Ah.  
*mf* From six to eight days old. Sis-ter Ma - ry had a but one child. Born in Beth-le -  
All *mf* old, From six to eight days old. Ah. Ah. Ah. Ah.

73

hem, Ah. Ah. ba - by cried Ah.

hem, and ev - er - y time the ba - by cried She a rocked him in the wear - y

Ah. Ah.

77

*meno mosso* *rit.* she - a rocked him in the wear - y land. Ah.

*meno mosso* *rit.* rocked him in the wear - y land. Ah.

*meno mosso* *rit.* land, she - a rocked him in the wear - y land. Ah.

*meno mosso* *rit.* rocked him in the wear - y land. Ah.