

Each person in this miniature Christmas drama is represented by a different choral voice: Joseph by the tenors,
Mary by the sopranos, the Innkeeper by the basses and the Innkeeper's wife by the altos.

Nous voici dans la ville We Now Have Reached the Village

Traditional French Carol
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Peacefully $\text{♩} = 100$

The musical score consists of four staves, each representing a different choral voice: Soprano (S.), Tenor (T.), Alto (A.), and Bass (B.). The music is in common time, mostly with a key signature of one flat (F#). The vocal parts are separated by vertical bar lines, and lyrics are placed below the notes. Measure numbers 1, 6, 11, 16, and 22 are indicated above the staves. Dynamics and performance instructions like "mf", "poco dim. e rall.", "più lento", and "simile" are included. The lyrics describe the journey of Joseph and Mary to a village where all the church bells ring, and the birth of Jesus there.

S. (Soprano) - Tenor (T.) - Alto (A.) - Bass (B.)

1. Nous voi - ci dans la vil - le où na - quit au - tre - fois le
1. We now have reached the vil - lage where all the church bells ring, For

6 Marie *mf*
S. (Soprano) - Tenor (T.) - Alto (A.) - Bass (B.)
E - le - vons la pen
So let us raise our
roi le plus ha - bi - le et le plus saint des rois.
here was born the wis - est and ve - ry ho - ly king.

11
S. (Soprano)
se - e vers le Dieu qui con - duit nos pas cette jour - né - e; Voi -
voic - es and praise the Lord on high For bring - ing us safe - ly as

(no breath)

16
S. (Soprano)
ci ve - nir la nuit.
night is draw - ing nigh.
ah ah

poco dim. e rall.
più lento $\text{♩} = 92$

T. (Tenor)
Joseph *mf*
2. Al - lons, chè - re Ma - ri - e, de - vers cet hor - lo -
2. Come quick - ly, dear - est Ma - ry, we must be on our

22
S. (Soprano)
simile
ah ah

T. (Tenor)
ger. C'est une hô - tel - le - ri - e; nous y pour - rons lo - ger. Mon
way And find a place to stay in be - fore the end of day. Good

27

S. Mon - sieur de grâ - ce... ah quel - que pe - ti - te
I now im- plore you, Have you an emp - ty

T. cher Mon-sieur de grâ - ce, N'ay - ez vous point_ vous_ quel - que pe - ti - te
Sir, I now im-plore you, the sky's no long-er light; Have you an emp - ty

32 *poco rall.* **Plus vite** $\text{♩} = 108$

S. pla - ce quel - que cham - bre pour nous?
room here where we may pass the night?

T. pla - ce quel - que cham - bre pour nous?
room here where we may pass the night?

B. *L'hôte f*

3. Vous per - dez vo - tre pei - ne vous
3. You're wast - ing pre - cious time, sir, you've

38 *poco rall.*

B. ve - nez un peu tard; Ma mai - son est trop plei - ne, al - lez voir au - tre
come a - long too late; My house is full to brim - ming, so leave now, do not

43 **più lento** $\text{♩} = 92$ *mp*

S. Pas - sons à l'au - tre ru - e la - quelle est vis - à -
Joseph *mf* a - cross the street to find a place to

T. Pas - sons à l'au - tre ru - e la - quelle est vis - à -
We'll go a - cross the street now to find a place to

B. *part.*
wait.

47 *dim e poco rall.*

S. vis stay, ah

T. vis tout de - vant no - tre ru - e, je vois d'au - tres lo - gis.
stay, I see some oth - er lodg - ings just down the road a way.

52 **più lento** $\text{♩} = 88$

S. Marie *mp*

4. Jo - seph, ton bras de grâ - ce, je ne puis plus mar-cher. Je
4. Dear Jo - seph I am wear - y, please give me now your arm; It's

A. Marie *mp*

4. Jo - seph, ton bras de grâ - ce, je ne puis plus mar-cher. Je
4. Dear Jo - seph I am wear - y, please give me now your arm; It's

57

S. me trou - ve si las - se; Il faut pour - tant cher-cher. Pa -
hard for me to walk and I fear I'll come to harm. Good

A. me trou - ve si las - se; Il faut pour - tant cher-cher.
hard for me to walk and I fear I'll come to harm. Joseph *mf*

T. — Pa -
Good

61 (no breath)

S. tron de Trois Cour-on - nes a - vez - vous lo - ge-ment
mas - ter of The Three Crowns, have you a room to rent

T. (no breath) *mp*
tron de Trois Cour-on - nes a - vez - vous lo - ge-ment chez
mas - ter of The Three Crowns, have you a room to rent? For

65 *mp*

S. pour deux per - son - nes? Quel - que trou seu - le - ment.
are faint and wear - y and night is half - way spent.

T. *p*
vous pour deux per - son - nes? Quel - que trou seu - le - ment.
we are faint and wear - y and night is half - way spent.

69 **con forza** $\text{♩} = 104$

B. L'hôte *f*

5. J'ai no - ble com - pa - gni - e dont j'au - rai du pro - fit. Je
5. I've on - ly no - ble peo - ple who pay me a good price; I

107

S. duit, Il dé - couvre une é - ta - ble mal -
plight, He finds a hum - ble sta - ble de -

A. duit, Il dé - couvre une é - ta - ble mal -
plight, He finds a hum - ble sta - ble de -

T. 8 duit, Il dé - couvre une é - ta - ble mal -
dened He finds a hum - ble sta - ble de -

B. duit, Il dé - couvre une é - ta - ble mal -
plight, He finds a hum - ble sta - ble de -

110 *mf*

S. gré la som - bre nuit. C'est la seu - le re -
spite the som - bre night. It is the on - ly

A. *mf* gré la som - bre nuit. C'est la seu - le re -
spite the som - bre night. It is the on - ly

T. 8 *mf* gré la som - bre nuit. C'est la seu - le re -
spite the som - bre night. It is the on - ly

B. *mf* gré la som - bre nuit. C'est la seu - le re -
spite the som - bre night. It is the on - ly

mp

113

S. *mf*
 traî - te qui reste à son es - poir, — Ain -
 re - fuge to shield them from the cold, — Ful -

A. *mf*
 traî - te qui reste à son es - poir, — Ain -
 re - fuge to shield them from the cold, — Ful -

T. *mf*
 traî - te qui reste à son es - poir, — Ain -
 re - fuge to shield them from the cold, — Ful -

B. *mf*
 traî - te qui reste à son es - poir, — Ain -
 re - fuge to shield them from the cold, — Ful -

116 *très doucement et plus lentement* *molto rit.*

S. *pp*
 si que la pro-phè - te a - vait su le pré - voir.
 fil - ling the ev - ents that the pro - phets had fore - told.

A. *pp*
 si que la pro-phè - te a - vait su le pré - voir.
 fil - ling the ev - ents that the pro - phets had fore - told.

T. *pp*
 si que la pro-phè - te a - vait su le pré - voir.
 fil - ling the ev - ents that the pro - phets had fore - told.

B. *pp*
 si que la pro-phè - te a - vait su le pré - voir.
 fil - ling the ev - ents that the pro - phets had fore - told.