

Methinks I See an Heavenly Host

for SATB chorus a cappella

An original carol by Peter Bloesch

Duration: ca. 2:00

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With robust enthusiasm ($\text{♩} = 95$)

SOPRANO
Me - thinks I see an heav'n - ly host of an - gels on the wing!

ALTO
Me - thinks I see an heav'n - ly host of an - gels on the wing!

TENOR
Me - thinks I see an heav'n - ly host of an - gels on the wing!

BASS
Me - thinks I see an heav'n - ly host of an - gels on the wing!

PIANO
(for rehearsal only)

With robust enthusiasm ($\text{♩} = 95$)

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6 *mf* *f*

S. — Me - thinks I hear their cheer - ful notes, so mer - ri - ly they sing!

A. — Me - thinks I hear their cheer - ful notes, so mer - ri - ly they sing!

T. — Me - thinks I hear their cheer - ful notes, so mer - ri - ly they sing!

B. — Me - thinks I hear their cheer - ful notes, so mer - ri - ly they sing!

PNO.

6 *mf* *f*

11 *mf* *f* *ff*

S. — So mer - ri - ly they sing, so mer - ri - ly they sing!

A. — So mer - ri - ly they sing, so mer - ri - ly they sing!

T. — So mer - ri - ly they sing, so mer - ri - ly they sing! *Unis.* *ff*

B. — So mer - ri - ly they sing, so mer - ri - ly they sing!

PNO.

11 *mf* *f* *ff*

16 *mf* *f*

S. Let all your fears be ban-ish'd hence, Glad ti-dings I pro-claim!

A. Let all your fears be ban-ish'd hence, Glad ti-dings I pro-claim!

T. Let all your fears be ban-ish'd hence, Glad ti-dings I pro-claim!

B. Let all your fears be ban-ish'd hence, Glad ti-dings I pro-claim!

PNO. *mf* *f*

21 *mf* *f*

S. For there's a Sav-iour born to-day, And Je-sus is his name,

A. For there's a Sav-iour born to-day, And Je-sus is his name,

T. For there's a Sav-iour born to-day, And Je-sus is his name,

B. For there's a Sav-iour born to-day, And Je-sus is his name,

PNO. *mf* *f*

26 *mf* *f* *ff*

S. *mf* *f* *ff*

A. *mf* *f* *ff*

T. *mf* *f* *ff* Unis.

B. *mf* *f* *ff*

— And Je - sus is his name, and Je - - sus is his name.

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26 *mf* *f* *ff*

PNO. *mf* *f* *ff*

31

S. —

A. *p*

Lay down your crooks and quit your flocks,

T. —

B. *p*

Lay down your crooks and quit your flocks,

31 *p*

PNO. *p*

35 *mp smoothly*

S. Lay down your crooks and quit your flocks, to Beth - le - hem re - pair;

A. *pp* Lay down your crooks and quit your flocks, And let your

T. *mp smoothly* Lay down your crooks and quit your flocks, to Beth - le - hem re -

B. *pp* Lay down your crooks and quit your flocks, And let your

PNO. *pp*

40

S. — And let your wand - ring steps be squar'd by yon - der shin - ing star,

A. — steps be squared by yon - der star, by yon - der shin - ing

T. pair; And let your wand - ring steps be squar'd by yon - der shin - ing

B. — steps be squared by yon - der star, by yon - der shin - ing

PNO. 40

45 *p* *mp* *mf*

S. by yon - der shin - ing star, by yon - - der shin - ing star.

A. *mp* *p* *mp* *mf* *Unis.*
star, by yon - der shin - ing star, by yon - - der shin - ing star.

T. *p* *mp* *mf* *Unis.*
star, by yon - der shin - ing star, by yon - - der shin - ing star.

B. *mp* *p* *mp* *mf* *Unis.*
star, by yon - der shin - ing star, by yon - - der shin - ing star.

PNO. *mp* *p* *mp* *mf*

50 *f* *mf* *In 4 Slower (♩ = ca. 66)*

S. Then sud - den - ly an heav'n - ly host a - round the shep - herds

A. Then sud - den - ly an heav'n - ly host a - round the shep - herds

T. Then sud - den - ly an heav'n - ly host a - round, a -

B. Then sud - den - ly an heav'n - ly host a - round, a -

PNO. *f* *mf* *In 4 Slower (♩ = ca. 66)*

Slightly slower (♩ = ca. 87) *Poco rit.*