

The Coventry Carol

for SATB chorus a cappella

An original carol by Peter Bloesch

Duration: ca. 3:00

Words: 15th century, from the Coventry Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors

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Full of anguish; very expressively throughout & unrushed (♩ = ca. 100) Slight rit.

SOPRANO
Lul - ly, lul - la, thou lit - tle ti - ny child,
["Lully lulla" is pronounced "loo-lee loo-lah"]

ALTO
Lul - ly, lul - la, thou lit - tle ti - ny child,

TENOR
Lul - ly, lul - la, thou lit - tle ti - ny child,

BASS
Lul - ly, lul - la, thou lit - tle ti - ny child,

PIANO
(for rehearsal only)

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A bit slower
(♩ = ca. 90)

Tempo primo, flowing (♩ = ca. 100)

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p **Poco rit.** **mp**

S. By by, lul - ly lul - lay. O sis - ters too, how may we do

A. By, lul - ly lul - lay. O sis - ters too, how may we do

T. By, lul - ly lul - lay. O sis - ters too, how may we do

B. By, lul - ly lul - lay. O sis - ters too, how may we do

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

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poco **Slight rit.**

S. for to pre-serve this day This poor young - ling for whom we do sing,

A. for to pre-serve this day This poor young - ling for whom we do sing,

T. for to pre-serve this day This poor young - ling for whom we do sing,

B. for to pre-serve this day This poor young - ling for whom we do sing,

PNO. **poco** **Slight rit.**

13 *A bit slower* ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 90$) *Poco rit.* **Tempo primo** ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 100$)

p *f deciso*

S. By by, lul - ly lul - lay? He - rod, the king, in his ra - ging,

A. By, lul - ly lul - lay? He - rod, the king, in his ra - ging,

T. By, lul - ly lul - lay? He - rod, the king, in his ra - ging,

B. By, lul - ly lul - lay? He - rod, the king, in his ra - ging,

PNO. *p* *f deciso*

17 *A bit slower* ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 90$) *Poco rit.* **Tempo primo** ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 100$)

mp gently *mf* *Slight rit.*

S. char-ged he hath this day His men of might, in his own sight,

A. char-ged he hath this day His men of might, in his own sight,

T. char-ged he hath this day His men of might, in his own sight,

B. char-ged he hath this day His men of might, in his own sight,

PNO. *mp* *mf* *Slight rit.*

A bit slower
(♩ = ca. 90)

Tempo primo (♩ = ca. 100)

S. *mp* all young chil - dren to slay! *p* Lul - ly, lul - la, thou

A. *mp* all chil - dren to slay! *p* Lul - ly, lul - la, thou

T. *mp* all chil - dren to slay! *p* Lul - ly, lul - la, thou

B. *mp* all chil - dren to slay! *p* Lul - ly, lul - la, thou

PNO. *mp* *p*

A bit slower
(♩ = ca. 90)

Tempo primo (♩ = ca. 100)

S. *mp* lit - tle ti - ny child, *p* By by, lul - ly lul - lay.

A. *mp* lit - tle ti - ny child, *p* By, lul - ly lul - lay.

T. *mp* lit - tle ti - ny child, *p* By, lul - ly lul - lay.

B. *mp* lit - tle ti - ny child, *p* By, lul - ly lul - lay.

PNO. *mp* *p*