

commissioned by The South Bend Chamber Singers;  
South Bend, Indiana, directed by Dr. Nancy Menk

# The Bethlehem Star

## I. On Christmas Day

total duration: c. 17 minutes

This is a partial score for perusal purposes only. For a complete perusal score, please contact Paul Carey at paul@paulcarey.net

Gerard Manley Hopkins  
*Videntes Stellam Magi, fragment*

Paul Carey

Offstage solo *mf*



Vi - den - tes stel - lam Ma - gi ga - vi - si sunt gau - di - o ma - gno

Slowly, with rubato ♩ = 52

S *mp* 3  
Moon - less dark - ness stands be - tween, Past, the Past, no

A *mp* 3  
Past, the Past, no

T *mp*  
Moon - less dark - ness, Past, Past, no

Bar. *mp*  
Moon - less dark - ness, Past, Past, no

B *mp*  
Past, Past, no

2 Slowly, with rubato ♩ = 52  
3 *mp* (for rehearsal only)



5 *mf* Rit.

S more be seen! But the Beth - le - hem star may lead me to the

A more be seen! But the Beth - le - hem star may lead me to the

T more be seen! But the Beth - le - hem star

Bar. more be seen! But the Beth - le - hem star

B more be seen! But the Beth - le - hem star

5 *mf* Rit.

8 *p* And even slower

S sight of Him from the self that I have been.

A sight of Him Who freed me from the self that I have been.

T sight of Him Who freed me from the self that I have been.

Bar. sight of Him I have been.

B sight of Him I have been.

8 *p* And even slower

A Tempo

11 *mp* 3

solo

Make me pure, Lord: Thou art ho-ly.

11 *p*

S

mmm

11 *p*

A

mmm

11 *p*

T

8 mmm

11 *p*

Bar.

mmm

11 *p*

B

mmm

11 *p* 3

11 *p* 3

Rit.

15

solo *mp*

Make me pure, Lord: \_\_\_\_\_ Thou wert

15

S *mmm*

A *mmm*

T *mmm*

Bar. *mmm*

B *mmm*

15

Rit. *mp*