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# The Marvellous Birth

Elizabeth Jennings (1926–2001)

BOB CHILCOTT

**Gentle, but with conviction** ♩ = 76

**SOPRANO**  
**ALTO**

**TENOR**  
**BASS**

**PIANO**

*unis. p*

This is the lit - tle

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*p*

*poco cresc.*

4

S./A. space be-tween The mar-vellous birth and next New Year. We've prayed and rid our -

*poco cresc.*

8

S. - selves from sin, we've prayed and rid our - selves from sin

A. - selves from sin, we've prayed and rid our - selves from sin

T. But

B. But

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

But

11 *mf* *dim.*

But still we feel\_ the\_ edge of fear. So soon now we a - gain be - gin\_

still we feel the edge\_ of\_ fear. Now we a - gain be - gin\_

8 still, but still we feel the edge of fear. Now we a - gain be - gin\_

still, we feel the edge, the edge of fear. Now we a - gain be - gin\_

*mf* *dim.*

15 *mp*

A year, a month, a way of life. Three Kings are

*mp*

A year, amonth, a way of life. Three ea - ger Kings are

*mp*

A year, a way of life. Three Kings are

*mp*

A year, a\_ way of life. Kings are

*mp*