

Commissioned by the Fort Worth Chorale of Schola Cantorum of Texas,
Karen Kenaston-French, Artistic Director

Before the Song was Done

Sara Teasdale
(1884–1933)

SARAH QUARTEL
(b. 1982)

Warmly rocking ♩ = 48–52

SOPRANO ALTO *unis. mp*

The kings they came from

TENOR BASS

Warmly rocking ♩ = 48–52

PIANO *mp*
con Ped.

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S.A.

out the south, All dressed in er - mine fine; They bore him gold and

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mp

chry - so-prase,¹ And gifts of pre - cious wine, and

mp

¹chrysoprase = an apple-green gemstone

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S./A. gifts__ of pre - cious wine.

T./B. *unis. mp*
The shep-herds came from out__ the north, Their coats were brown and

18

T./B. old;_____ They brought him lit - tle new - born lambs— They had not a - ny

22 *mp*

gold,_____ they had__ not a - ny gold.

mp