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The Marvellous Birth

Elizabeth Jennings (1926–2001)

BOB CHILCOTT

Gentle, but with conviction ♩ = 76 *unis. p*

SOPRANO
ALTO

PIANO *p*

This is the lit - tle

4 *poco cresc. div.*

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

poco cresc.

8 *mf*

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 But —

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11 *mf* But still we feel_ the_ edge of fear. So soon now we a - gain be - gin *dim.*
 still we feel_ the_ edge of fear. So soon now we a - gain be - gin *dim.*

15 *mp* A year, a month, a way of life. Three Kings are
 A year, a month, a way of life. Three ea - ger Kings are *mp*

19 *poco cresc.* on their_ way. A lit - tle child's been born in strife, a
 on their_ way. A lit - tle child's been born in strife, a *poco cresc.*