

The Holy Boy

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$\text{♩} = 44$
p e semplice *mf*

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6 *dim.* *p* *pp* *cresc.*

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11 *f* *dim.*

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"God has sent me to help you the
three, the child for to see.
men three, the child for to see. oo - - - -
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22

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king of all kings to find. There! that boy in the man-ger was born to save all of man - kind".
oo - - - -
oo - - - -
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oo - - - -

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cresc. molto
Quick - ly Ma-ry and Jo - seph did welcome the stran-gers to stay, then Je - sus rose from the
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mf "Hea - venly Fa - ther Al - migh - ty, be kind: they're tru - ly wise men. — These

p oo - - - - -

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p oo - - - - -

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kings shall tell all the na - tions of the mar - ve-lous things that God sends. —

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47 *mf* *cresc. molto* *poco rit.*
Thus they went back to their king - doms to spread the word from a - bove: — that

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51 *ff* *a tempo* *dim.* *p* *rit.*
love, re - demp - tion and ju - stice are gifts, are trea - sures, are joy

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— from the Ho - ly Boy. —

pp
joy from the Ho - ly, the Ho - ly Boy.

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joy from the Ho - ly, the Ho - ly Boy.