

# The Birthday of the King

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♩=95

*Andante legato*

1. In the town of Beth - l'em, one star - ry night, The  
2. Shep - herds saw with won - der in Heav'n the star, To  
3. An - gels joined the cho - rus from out the sky, Good-

Prince of Peace was sent to earth; With a won - drous glo - ry, a  
Him their gifts the sag - es bring; At His feet to wor - ship they  
- will and peace pro - claimed to men; Let us swell the an - them of

star was shin - ing bright, Beam - ing o - ver the man - ger of His birth.  
jour - neyed from a - far, Glad - ly sing - ing ho - san - nas to their king.  
voic - es from on high As we wel - come His birth - day once a - gain.

*rit.*

Refrain

*Legato*

'Tis the birth - day of the King, 'Tis the  
birth - day of the King; He was  
sent from Heav'n a - bove, God's own pre - cious gift of love, 'Tis the  
birth - day of the King.

The musical score is written in 12/8 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a vocal line and two piano accompaniment lines (treble and bass clef). The vocal line is marked 'Legato' and features a melodic line with lyrics. The piano accompaniment includes chords and moving lines in both hands, with some passages featuring triplets and arpeggiated figures. The score is divided into four systems, each containing a vocal line and two piano accompaniment lines. The lyrics are: 'Tis the birth - day of the King, 'Tis the birth - day of the King; He was sent from Heav'n a - bove, God's own pre - cious gift of love, 'Tis the birth - day of the King.