

Joseph Made a Treasure Box

Matthew 2:11

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♩ = 86

mf all women

Jo - seph made a trea-sure box from the wood of an o tree;

craft - ed it with tend-er-ness and gav nis wife, Ma - ry.

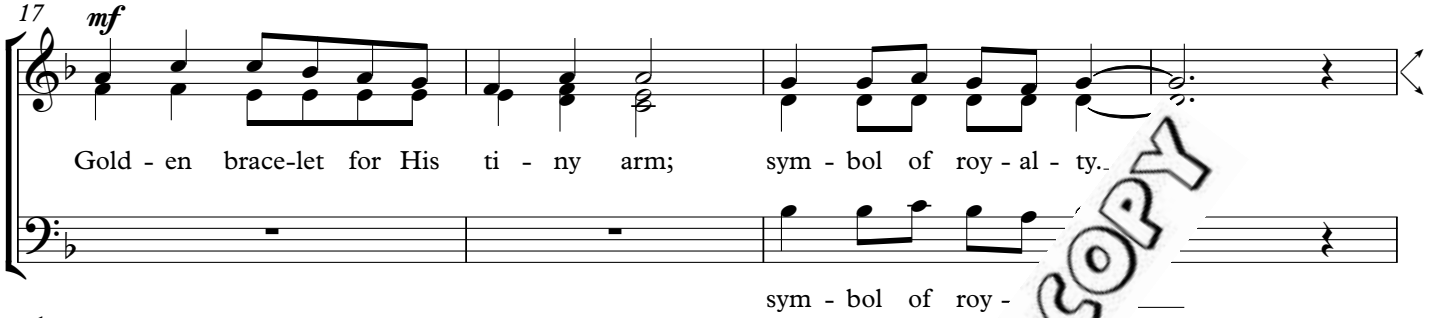
Ma-ry took that box and laid it u-pon her knee.

I will keep out trea - sures. three. (tre - sures three.)

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C full warm sound

17 *mf*



Gold - en brace-let for His ti - ny arm; sym - bol of roy - al - ty. sym - bol of roy -

21 *sopranos* *f*

Fair - est Lord Je - sus make me pure, I lor - ship Thee.

altos *f*

Fair - est Lord Je - sus make me pure, to wor - ship Thee.

Fair - est Lord Je - sus make me pu I long to wor - ship Thee._____

**all men who can float the notes*

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25 *p* *mp*

Oo Sym - bol of De - i -

mf

Frank - in - cense tr air smell sweet; sym - bol of De - i - ty._____

29 *mf* *f* *rit.*

up to Thee. Ho - ly Na - ti - vi - ty.

All of our praise ris - es up to Thee. Ho - ly Na - ti - vi - ty.

E *a tempo - sotto voce*
molto dolce - rubato

33

mp

Jo - seph made a trea-sure box from the wood of an o - live tree;

mp

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mp

Jo - seph made a trea-sure box from the wood of . live tree;

E

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37

craft - ed it with ten-der and gave it to his wife, Ma - ry.

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craft - ed it .en-der- ness and gave it to his wife, Ma - ry.

craft with ten-der-ness and gave it to his wife, Ma - ry.



41

Bit - ter myrrh to use in time of death, curse of hu-man - i - ty.

Bit - ter myrrh to use in time of death, curse of hu-man - i - ty.

Bit - ter myrrh to use in time of death, _____ arse of hu-man - i -

Bit - ter myrrh to use in time of death, _____ curse of hu-man - i -

45

Lord, I will praise Thee with ev - 'ry breath for all e - ter - ni - ty.

Lord, I will praise The - 'ry breath for all e - ter - ni - ty.

ty. r e with ev - 'ry breath for all e - ter - ni - ty.

ty. .aise_ Thee with ev - 'ry breath for all, for all e - ter - ni -

f

f

f

f

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mp

Oo...

mp

Oo...

mp

Oo...

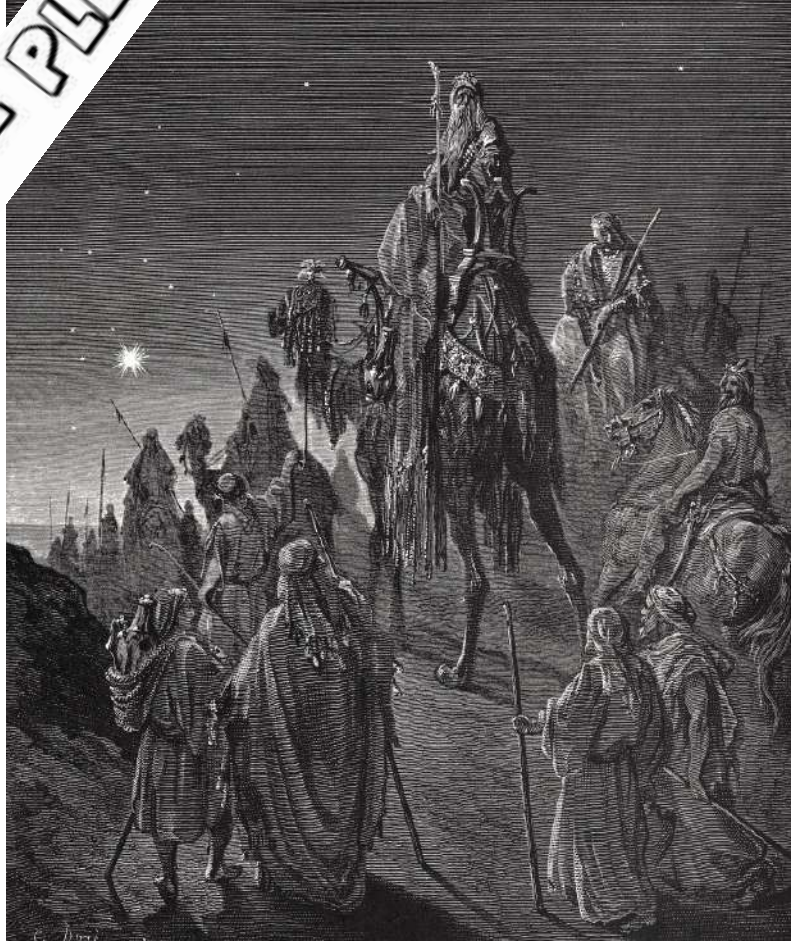
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ty. Oo...

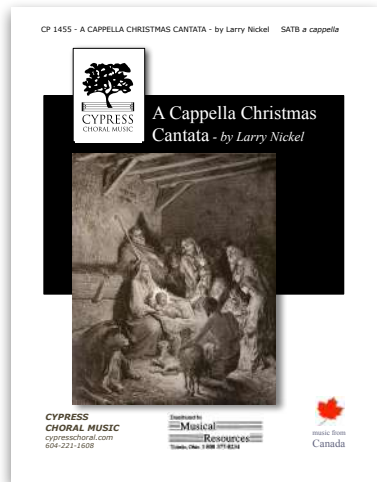
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"Joseph Made a Treasure Box" is admittedly imaginative. He was, after all, a carpenter. This song is a sequel to "Mary Treasured All These Things". Notice that the melody and meter are similar.

The three Magi came to visit Jesus approximately two years after the Holy birth. Nativity scenes that portray the men at the manger are not historically accurate.



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A Cappella Christmas Cantata was commissioned and premiered in 2015. (Guy Mills, Pennsylvania - directed by Brandon Mullet)

- **15 movements** give a unique and compelling of the Christmas story, from ancient prophecy to .aculate conception and until the Holy Child was two yr
- **Texts** include scripture and poetry by Herbert and William Blake.
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- total duration** - 35 minutes

- 1) **First Fruits**
- 2) **Behold, A Great Light**
- 3) **Break Forth, O Beautiful**
- 4) **Mary Treasured All Things**
- 5) **Joseph's Dream**
- 6) **Caesar Augustus**
- 7) **No Room**
- 8) **The Gifts**
- 9) **Tir Great Joy**
- 10) **the Ruler**
- 11) **Joseph's Dream - part two**
- 12) **There's a Cry Over Bethlehem**
- 13) **Joseph Made a Treasure Box**
- 14) **Little Lamb, Who Made Thee?**
- 15) **Behold, a Great Light - reprise**



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