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Here is the Little Door

A Carol-Anthem

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Moderato espressivo (ca. ♩ = 92)

Soprano *p* Here is the lit - tle door, lift up the latch, oh lift! *mp* We
Alto *p* Here is the lit - tle door, lift up the latch, oh lift! *mp* We
Tenor *p* Here is the lit - tle door, lift up the latch, oh lift! *mp* We
Bass *p* Here is the lit - tle door, lift up the latch, oh lift! *mp* We

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need not wan - der more but en - ter with our gift; Our gift of
need not wan - der more but en - ter with our gift; Our gift of
need not wan - der more but en - ter with our gift; Our gift of
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11 *poco* *mf*
fin - est gold. Gold that was ne - ver bought nor sold; Myrrh to be
poco *mf*
fin - est gold. Gold that was ne - ver bought nor sold; Myrrh to be
poco *mf*
fin - est gold. Gold that was ne - ver bought nor sold; Myrrh to be
poco *mf*
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strewn a - bout His bed; In - cense in clouds a - bout His head;

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22 *Poco meno mosso*

All for the Child that stirs not in His sleep, But ho - ly slum -

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37 *Tempo primo*

slum - ber hold with ass and sheep. Bend low a - bout His bed;

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33 *allargando*

mf cresc. *mf*

— for each He has a gift; — See how His eyes a - wake, — lift up your hands, O

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37 *Un poco più mosso*

f a tempo *mf*

lift! For gold, He gives a keen - edged sword (De - fend with it Thy

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41 *Più tranquillo*

ff *mf*

lit - tle Lord!) For in - cense, smoke of bat - tle red — Myrrh for the

ff *mf*

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ff *mf*

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ff *mf*

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44 *Tempo primo*

hon - oured hap - py dead; Gifts for His child - ren, ter - ri - ble and sweet;

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49 *Meno mosso*

Touched by such ti - - - ny hands and Oh such

Touched by such ti - - - ny hands and Oh such

Touched by such ti - - - ny hands and Oh such

Touched by such hands and

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ti - ny feet.

ti - - - ny feet.

ti - - - ny feet.

ti - - - ny feet.