

Original SATB version dedicated to Dr. James C. Howell by his church family for 11 years of ministry as Senior Pastor of Myers Park United Methodist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.
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The Work of Christmas

For TTBB Choir with Piano *

Howard Thurman (1899-1981)

DAN FORREST (ASCAP)

Slowly, simply, with great freedom ♩ = ca. 76-80

Tenors
Oh (or Mm) *p* **** When the song of the an-gels is**

Basses
p Oh (or Mm)

Slowly, simply, with great freedom ♩ = ca. 76-80

p

1 2 3 4 5 6
(begin at m. 3, if 2nd is not used) *simile/harmonically*

Oh (or Mm)
stilled, When star in the sky is gone.

Oh (or Mm)

8 9 10 11

* Also suitable for SATB Choir (CU1029) and TTBB Choir (CU1053).

** 2nd Tenors may join Baritone on melody, mm. 4 - 12.

When possible, this piece may be sung "in the round," with choir surrounding the congregation/audience.

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kings and *unis.*
When the kings and prin-ces are home, *unis.* When the

kings and

12 13 14 16

poco rit. *slowly unis. pp*
shep-herds are back with their flock The work of

poco rit. *slowly unis. pp*

17 18 19 20 21

Poco piu mosso unis.
Christ-mas To find the lost, To

Poco piu mosso unis.

23 24 25 26

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heal the bro-ken, To feed the hun-gry, To re-lease the *unis.*

27 28 29 30 31

f *sub. mp slower*
pris-ner, To re-build the na-tions; To bring *sub. mp slower*

32 33 35 36

mf mu-sic, *div.*

37 38 39 40 41

42 43 44 45 46

molto rit. *slower mp* Like the beginning

sic, make mu-sic, make mu-sic, mu-sic, mu-sic, *mp* from the heart *mp* Like the beginning

47 49 50 51 52

molto rit. *slower mp*

(2nd Tenors may join Baritone on melody, mm. 55-63)

p
Oh (or Mm) When the song of the an-gels is stilled, Oh (or Mm)

53 54 55 56 57 58

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Oh (or Mm)

When the star in the sky is gone, When the kings and kings and kings and

59 60 61 62 64

prin - ces are home, When the shep - herds are back with their

65 66 68 69

flock, The work of Christ - mas be - gins.

71 72 73 74 75 76