

Before the Closing of the Year

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mp

Tenor 1

Be - fore the clos - ing of the year when all seems bleak and chill, There

mp

Tenor 2

Be - fore the clos - ing of the year when all seems bleak and chill, There

mp

Baritone

Be - fore the clos - ing of the year when all seems bleak and chill, There

mp

Bass

Be - fore the clos - ing of the year when all seems bleak and chill, There

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T 1

dawns a time of hope - ful - ness, of kind - ness and good - will. Folk turn to - ward each

T 2

dawns a time of hope - ful - ness, of kind - ness and good - will. Folk turn to - ward each

B

dawns a time of hope - ful - ness, of kind - ness and good - will. Folk turn to - ward each

B

dawns a time of hope - ful - ness, of kind - ness and good - will. Folk turn to - ward each

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T 1
8
o - ther, for - get their cher - ish'd pride, Seek ways to bless their neigh - bor, set

T 2
8
o - ther, for - get their cher - ish'd pride, Seek ways to bless their neigh - bor, set

B
o - ther, for - get their cher - ish'd pride, Seek ways to bless their neigh - bor, set

B
o - ther, for - get their cher - ish'd pride, Seek ways to bless their neigh - bor, set

15

T 1
8
self - ish - ness a - side. *p* Be - fore the clos - ing of the _ year when nights seems dark and

T 2
8
self - ish - ness a - side. *p* Be - fore the clos - ing of the _ year when nights seems dark and

B
self - ish - ness a - side. *p* Be - fore the clos - ing of the _ year when nights seems dark and

B
self - ish - ness a - side. *p* Be - fore the clos - ing of the _ year when nights seems dark and

hushed

20

T 1
8
long, A ra - diance fills the mid - night sky, the streets are fill'd with song. A

T 2
8
long, A ra - diance fills the mid - night sky, the streets are fill'd with song. A

B
long, A ra - diance fills the mid - night sky, the streets are fill'd with song. A

B
long, A ra - diance fills the mid - night sky, the streets are fill'd with song. A

25

T 1
8
tale is told of long a-go, a tale for - ev - er true, Of an - gels, kings and

T 2
8
tale is told of long a-go, a tale for - ev - er true, Of an - gels, kings and

B
tale is told of long a-go, a tale for - ev - er true, Of an - gels, kings and

B
tale is told of long a-go, a tale for - ev - er true, Of an - gels, kings and

with growing confidence

30

T 1
8
shep-herds, of birth and life made new. Be - fore the clos - ing of the year as

T 2
8
shep-herds, of birth and life made new. Be - fore the clos - ing of the year as

B
shep-herds, of birth and life made new. Be - fore the clos - ing of the year as

B
shep-herds, of birth and life made new. Be - fore the clos - ing of the year as

35

T 1
8
dwind-ling days fly on, there comes a time of time - less-ness, a peace that seem'd long

T 2
8
dwind-ling days fly on, there comes a time of time - less-ness, a peace that seem'd long

B
dwind-ling days fly on, there comes a time of time - less-ness, a peace that seem'd long

B
dwind-ling days fly on, there comes a time of time - less-ness, a peace that seem'd long

40

T 1
gone. The bless - ed child is born a - new to calm our anx - ious fear. And

T 2
gone. The bless - ed child is born a - new to calm our anx - ious fear. — And

B
gone. The bless - ed child is born a - new to calm our anx - ious fear. And

B
gone. The bless - ed child is born a - new to calm our anx - ious fear. And

45

T 1
un - to all who wel - come him, E - ter - ni - ty draws near.

T 2
un - to all who wel - come him, E - ter - ni - ty draws near.

B
un - to all who wel - come him, E - ter - ni - ty draws near.

B
un - to all who wel - come him, E - ter - ni - ty draws near.