

O the blessed revelation

ttbb a cappella

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swaying $\bullet = 54$
mp

Tenor



O the bles - sed re - ve - la - tion! which the birth of Christ con - tains.

5

T



Here be - gins the new cre - a - tion, where the God of Glo - ry reigns.

9

B

mp



Ne - ver could the joys of hea - ven in the souls of men a - bide,

13

T



Till our sav - ior had ar - ri - ven, to de - base their haugh - ty pride.

17

T

mf



While de - lud - ed souls a - spire af - ter some - thing great and high,

B



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21 high, _____

T
8

Look - ing out for their Mes - si - ah to _____ come thun - d'ring through the sky,
mp Look - ing for Mes - si - ah, _____

B

25

T
8

Lo, the hea - vens bend

B

Far be - neath their car - nal sen - ses, lo the hosts _____ of hea - ven bend

29 *mp*

T
8

To be - hold the Prince of Prin - ces, mean - er than men.

B

To be - hold the Prince of Prin - ces, mean - er than the sons of men.

33

T
8

mf By his spi rit we are a ble, The my ster ious cause to trace,

B

mp By his spi rit, _____

37 *p* Why, why, why, why so mean a
p Why, why, why, why so mean a
 Why his birth - place was a sta - ble, Why he chose so mean a place:

p Why, why, why, why so mean a place?

41 place? Born, born, hum - bled down,
 place? born, hum - bled down,
 Born in our in - fer - ior na - ture, as his flesh was hum - bled down,

mf

45 great - er glo - ry and re-known.
 By so much was He the great - er, in true glo - ry and re-known.

cresc.

49 *ff* to be born on earth;
 Once a gain hath Christ des-cend - ed to be born u - pon the earth;

ff

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53

T

Once a - gain of - fend - ed by his birth;

B

Once a - gain the world's of - fend - ed by the mean - ness of his birth;

57

T

Let them vent their rage and fu - ry, still the gos - pel

B

still, still the

60

T

will in - crease And our souls shall ev - er glo - ry

B

gos - pel will in - crease

63

T

ev - er glo - ry, love, rit. love and peace.

B

in the gods of love and peace. rit. in love and peace.