

The First Christmas Morning

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Andante ♩ = 95

Am E Am E Am Am

The first system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in 3/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a common time signature of 8. The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment, with the middle staff in treble clef and the bottom staff in bass clef. The piano part begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and a treble line with chords and melodic fragments. The first system covers measures 1 through 5.

F E Am E Am E

The second system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in 3/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a common time signature of 8. The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment, with the middle staff in treble clef and the bottom staff in bass clef. The piano part continues with the same accompaniment style as the first system. The second system covers measures 6 through 11.

Am C E Am G/A Am G/A Am G/A

The third system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in 3/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a common time signature of 8. The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment, with the middle staff in treble clef and the bottom staff in bass clef. The piano part continues with the same accompaniment style as the previous systems. The third system covers measures 12 through 17.

2

Am *mf* Am E Am E Am

18

A - way in the east shines a star in the sky that

18

Am F E Am

23

leads us to where He is born And bearing good

23

Am E Am Am E Am C E

28

tid - ings and gifts we shall give to Him on this first Christ - mas

28

Am G/A Am C E Am G/A

33
8
morn - ing To Him on this first Christ - mas morn -

Am G/A Am G/A Am Am Am E Am Am E

38
8
ing Ho - ly our jour - ney and ho - ly our

Am Am F E Am

44
8
love that takes us to find and a - dore Him And bles - sed the

4

Am E Am Am E Am C E

50

Ba - by that sleeps in His bed and wakes on this first Christ - mas

55

Am G/A Am C E Am G/A Am

morn - ing And wakes on this first Christ - mas morn - ing

61

Dm7 E7 Am Bdim E Am Dm7 E7

Al - - - le - lu - ia Al - - - le -

Am Bdim E Am Dm7 E Dm7

67
8
lu - ia Al - - - le, al -

67

E Dm7 E Am Bdim E7 Am

72
8
- - le, al - - - le - lu - ia

72

Am Am E Am Am E Am

78
8
The Lord in His wis - dom, the Lord in - His grace has

78

6

Am F E Am E

84

giv - en to Man a re - deem - er to save us from sin and to

Am E Am C E Am G/A

90

show us — the — light that shines on this first Christ - mas morn -

Am C E Am G/A Am

95

ing And will shine ev - er each Christ - mas morn - ing

Dm7 E Am Bdim E Am Dm7 E

100

Al - - - le - lu - ia Al - - - le -

Am Bdim E Am Dm7 E Dm7

106

lu - ia Al - - - le, al -

E Dm7 E *rit.* Am Bdim E Am

111

- - le, al - - - le - lu - ia