

For the Choir of Trinity Episcopal Church, Florence, Alabama

Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head

SATB and Organ

American Folk Song
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Setting by Kevin Robison

Andante tranquillo

Unison Women
mp

Je - sus, Je - sus,

mp *sempre legato* *dim.*

Man. Ped. Man.

6 *poco cresc.* (9)

rest your head, You have got a man-ger bed; All the e - vil folk on earth

poco cresc.

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11 *mp*
rit. *a tempo*

Sleep in feath-ers at their birth; Je - sus, Je - sus, rest your head,

15 Ped. *poco rit.* *a tempo*

You have got a man-ger bed.

20 *mf* *freely* *dim.*

S
A
T
B
mf *freely* *dim.*

23 *mf* *mf*

- bout his fate? How his moth - er went to a sta - ble

*Original note was a fifth lower. Same in measure 34 and 53.

26 *dim.* *cresc.*

On that Christ - mas Eve— so late? Winds were blow - ing,—

dim. *cresc.*

29 *dim.* *rit.*

cows— were— low - ing, Stars were glow - ing, glow - ing, glow - ing.

dim. *rit.*

**(Org. pp)*

32 *Unison mp a tempo* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

Je - sus, Je - sus, rest your head, You have got a man - ger bed.——

mp a tempo *poco rit.* *a tempo*

Unison

mp a tempo *poco rit.* *mp a tempo*

Ped.

*Cue-size note is for organ.

36

Unison Men
mf
To that man - ger

dim. *mp*
Ped.

40

came the wise men, Bring - ing things from him and you

43

For the moth - er and the fa - ther And the bless - ed lit - tle Son.

69 *Slower dolce* *p* *rit.*

S A
 Je - sus, Je - sus, rest your head, In your lit - tle man - ger

T B
p dolce *rit.*

pp *Slower* *rit.*

Man.

73

bed.

mp *dim.* *pp*

Ped.



47 *Unison Women*

rit.

Milk - maids left their fields and flocks And sat be - side the ass and ox.

51 *All Voices*

p *poco rit.* *a tempo*

Je - sus, Je - sus, rest your head, You have got a man - ger bed. _____

p *poco rit.* *mp* *a tempo*

55

cresc. *mf* *poco rit.*

61 *mf a tempo* Sopranos and Basses

(8) Je - sus, Je - sus, rest your head, You have got a man - ger bed;

a tempo mf Altos and Tenors

(8) Je - sus, Je - sus, rest your head, You have got a

mf a tempo

65

(8) All the e - vil folk on earth Sleep in feath - ers at their - birth;

rit.

(8) man - ger bed; All the e - vil folk on earth — at their - birth;

rit.

rit.