

# THE BIRTHDAY OF A KING

(1890)

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**Intro**

Tenor Lead

Bari Bass

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! All\_ glo - ry to our

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!\_

King, our\_ King. **Verse 1**

King, our\_ King. In the lit - tle vil - lage of Beth - le - hem, There

lay a Child one day, And the sky was bright with a ho - ly light O'er the

**Chorus 1**

place where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!\_ O, how the an - gels sang! Al - le -

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15 16 17 18

lu - ia! How it rang! And the sky was bright with a ho - ly light, 'Twas the

*rit.* King, our King. **Verse 2** *a tempo*

19 20 21 22

birth-day of a King. 'Twas a hum - ble birth-place, but O, how much God

23 24 25 26

gave to us that day. From the man - ger bed what a path has led, What a

**Chorus 2**

27 28 29 30

per - fect, ho - ly way. Al - le - lu - ia! O, how the an - gels sang! Al - le -

31 32 33 34

lu - ia! How it rang! And the sky was bright with a ho - ly light, 'Twas the

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of musical notation, measures 31 through 34. It features a treble and bass staff with a common time signature. The melody is primarily composed of chords and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "lu - ia! How it rang! And the sky was bright with a ho - ly light, 'Twas the".

Reprise *slower*

35 36 37 38

birth - day of a King. Al - le - lu - ia! — May our voic - es ring, Al - le -

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of musical notation, measures 35 through 38. It features a treble and bass staff with a common time signature. The tempo is marked "Reprise slower". Measure 36 has a double bar line and a key signature change to one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "birth - day of a King. Al - le - lu - ia! — May our voic - es ring, Al - le -".

39 40 41 42

lu - ia! — as we sing! — May our song on high fill the earth and sky, On the

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of musical notation, measures 39 through 42. It features a treble and bass staff with a common time signature. The lyrics are: "lu - ia! — as we sing! — May our song on high fill the earth and sky, On the".

43 44 45 46

birth - day, — Ho - ly birth - day, — On the birth - day of our King!

*rit.*

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth system of musical notation, measures 43 through 46. It features a treble and bass staff with a common time signature. The tempo is marked "rit.". Measure 45 has a key signature change to two flats (Bb). The lyrics are: "birth - day, — Ho - ly birth - day, — On the birth - day of our King!".