

# BEFORE THE PALING OF THE STARS

[A CHRISTMAS CAROL]



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Before the paling of the stars,  
Before the winter morn,  
Before the earliest cock-crow  
Jesus Christ was born:  
Born in a stable  
Cradled in a manger,  
In the world His hands had made  
Born a stranger.

Jesus on His Mother's breast  
In the stable cold,  
Spotless Lamb of God was He,  
Shepherd of the fold:  
Let us kneel with Mary Maid,  
With Joseph bent and hoary,  
With Saint and Angel, ox and ass,  
To hail the King of Glory.

*Christina Rossetti*



Born in a sta - ble Cra-dled in a man - ger, In the world His hands had

*l.h.*

made Born a stran - ger.

*mp espressivo poco cresc.*

*Red.* \* *Red.* *Red.* *Red.*

*p* Je - sus on His Moth-er's breast In the sta - ble cold,

*p*

*p* Spot - less Lamb of God was He, *p* Shep-herd of the fold:

*l.h.* *r.h.*

*Red.*

*pp*

Let us kneel with Ma - ry Maid, With Jo - seph bent and hoar - y,

*pp*

*Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

With Saint and An - gel, ox and ass, To hail the King of

*f molto ritard.*

*f molto ritard.*

*Ped.* *Ped.*

*ff*

Glo - ry.

*ff*

*Ped.* \* *Ped.* \* *Ped.* \*



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