Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

For my wife, Beth

Harmonized by Bruce Merrill

Theodore Baker, translation

Con motto (d = 60)

simile

Soprano

mp

Alto

From tender stem hath sprung!

Tenor

Bass

head voice

As men of old have sung.

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come sopra

Of Jes-see's lineage com-ing

when half-spent was the night.

mf

came a flow'ret bright a-mid the cold of winter

when half-spent was the night.

pp

(rit. last verse only)

A

pp

when half-spent was the night.

(rit. last verse only)

Please feel free to vary the dynamics on verses 2 and 3.

Verse 2 sung by solo quartet only
2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to men a Savior
When half-spent was the night.

Verse 3 tutti, sung in German
3. Es ist ein Ros entsprung'en,
aus einer Wurzel zart,
wie uns die Alten sung'en,
von Jesse war die Art
Und hat ein Blüümlein bracht
mitten im kalten Winter,
wohl zu der halben Nacht.

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