

# How Dark the Night

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**INTRO** Tenderly ♩ = 72 **VERSE 1**

Female *mp* 4 6

Vocal duet, 2-part choir,  
 or Congregation on melody

How dark the night in Beth-le-hem where trav - 'lers sought for

9 *mf* 14

rest; How crude the cave they shel-tered in while sheep and ox-en slept. Yet Light burst forth in -

15 *mp*

to the world, dis - pel - ling sin and strife. The Child born to a vir-gin girl was

**TURN 1** **VERSE 2**

20 21 25

Christ, the Light of Life.

Male *mf* How dark the night o'er

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pas-tures bleak where shep - herds kept their watch; How cold the wind which stole their sleep and

31 33

stung their wea - ry flock. But glo - ry pierced the mid-night sky and turned fa-tigue to

# How Dark the Night – 2

36 TURN 2

40 2

fright; “The King is born!” the an-gel cried to hail the birth of Light.

43 VERSE 3

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*mp*

How dark the night of fall - en souls, by sin and guilt op - pressed; How

48 mf 52

hope-less our un - spok-en woe— of God and good be - reft; *mf* Till Je - sus breaks our

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mor-al night and melts the heart of stone; “All praise to God in heav-en’s height, and

58 TURN 3 VERSE 4

59 *rit.* 63 *a tempo*

*f*

peace to men be - low.” *f* How dark the night that

### How Dark the Night – 3

64

shrouds the world where war and an-guish reign; How fierce our swords, how

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71

sharp our words, how pierc-ing is our pain. Oh

O Christ, re-turn like

72

Oh Star of Light

blaz-ing dawn—the Morn-ing Star of Light! The Lord Him-self will

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*mp* *rit.*

**OUTRO**

79 *a tempo*

4

4

and day e-clipse the night!

be our Sun, and day e-clipse the night!