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First performed by Southwark Cathedral Girls Choir (conductor Stephen Disley), conducted by Howard Goodall, on 5 December 2012

I am Christmas Day

Words and Music by
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♩ = 87

SOPRANO *p* SOPRANO SOLO or TUTTI

One small

pp PIANO

6 *p* TENOR SOLO or TUTTI

in - fant, poor and frail Two thou-sand years a - go, could be -

11 *mp* S. TUTTI

— a mil-lion miles a - way, One rough sta - ble, mea - gre shel - ter from the

16 *mp* S. A. unis. *poco rall.*

night. What's so spe-cial, what's the sto - ry here? Cen-t'ries pass, yet still it seems to say:

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a tempo of quarter note = 87. It features three parts: Soprano, Tenor, and Piano. The Soprano part begins with a rest for five measures, then enters with the lyrics 'One small' at measure 5. The Tenor part begins at measure 6 with the lyrics 'in - fant, poor and frail' and continues with 'Two thou-sand years a - go, could be -'. The Piano part provides accompaniment throughout, starting with a piano (*pp*) dynamic. The score includes various dynamics such as *p*, *mp*, and *pp*, and includes performance directions like 'SOPRANO SOLO or TUTTI', 'TENOR SOLO or TUTTI', 'S. TUTTI', 'S. A. unis.', and 'poco rall.'. The lyrics are: 'One small in - fant, poor and frail Two thou-sand years a - go, could be - a mil-lion miles a - way, One rough sta - ble, mea - gre shel - ter from the night. What's so spe-cial, what's the sto - ry here? Cen-t'ries pass, yet still it seems to say:'.

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I am the mo-ment when a ba-by first lets out a cry, or when a stran-ger does not pass you by.

first lets out a cry, or when a stran-ger does not pass you by.

first lets out a cry, or when a stran-ger does not pass you by.

a ba-by first lets out a cry,

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mp
I am Christ - mas Day, I am Christ - mas Day.

mp
I am Christ - mas Day, I am Christ - mas Day.

mp
I am Christ - mas Day, I am Christ - mas Day.

mp
I am Christ - mas Day, I am Christ - mas Day.

mp

81

ask what I can do... I am Christ-mas Day. I am Christ-mas,

ask what I can do... I am Christ-mas Day. I am Christ-mas,

ask what I can do... I am Christ-mas Day. I am Christ-mas,

ask what I can do... I am Christ-mas Day. I am Christ-mas,

mp *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p*

86

poco rall.

I am Christ-mas, I am Christ-mas Day.

I am Christ-mas, I am Christ-mas Day.

I am Christ-mas, I am Christ-mas Day.

I am Christ-mas, I am Christ-mas Day.

p *mp* *p*

poco rall.