

There's A Star In the East

For Chorus of Women and 2-part Men (STB), unaccompanied

African-American Spiritual
Arranged by Philip Orr

♩ = 104 straight eighth-notes throughout

Women

Tenor

Bass

mf *mf*

Hunh, hunh, hunh, hunh. Hunh, hunh,

Hunh, hunh, hunh, hunh. Hunh, hunh,

4 *mf*

There's a star in the east on Christ - mas morn,

hunh, hunh. Hunh, hunh, hunh, hunh.

hunh, hunh. Hunh, hunh, hunh, hunh.

7 *mf*

n It will lead to the place where the

rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low. Hunh, hunh,

Hunh, hunh, hunh, hunh. Hunh, hunh,

* The noteheads "∞" and "√" denote audible exhalation and inhalation, respectively; a little gasp-y. These are shepherds on the move!

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10 **1.*

Christ was born, n

h unh, unh. unh, unh. unh, unh.

h unh, unh. rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low.

13 *mf*

Fol - low, fol - low, m

h unh, unh. unh, unh. rise up, shep-herd, and

H unh, unh, unh, unh. Hunh, unh,

16

Fol - low the star of Beth - le - hem,

fol - low. unh, unh. unh, unh.

h unh, unh. Hunh, unh, unh, unh.

19 *mf*

m If you take good heed to the

h unh, unh. unh, unh. Hunh, unh,

rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low. Hunh, unh,

¹ Not strictly a quarter-flat, rather the blue note between F \flat and F \natural

22 *p* *mf*

an - gel's words, m _____ You'll for -

huhn, huhn. _____ rise up, shep-herd, and fol - low. _____

huhn, huhn. _____ Hunh, huhn, _____ huhn, huhn. _____

25 *p*

get your flocks, you'll for - get your _____ herds, _____ m _____

Huhn, huhn, _____ huhn, huhn. _____ huhn, huhn. _____

Huhn, huhn, _____ huhn, huhn. _____ rise up, shep-herd, and

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28 *mf*

Fol - low, fol - low,

huhn, huhn. _____ huhn, huhn. _____ huhn, huhn. _____

fol - low. _____ Hunh, huhn, _____ huhn, huhn. _____

31 *mf*

m _____ Fol - low the star of

rise up, shep-herd, and fol - low. _____ huhn, huhn. _____

Huhn, huhn, _____ huhn, huhn. _____ Hunh, huhn, _____

34

Beth - le - hem, m fol - low.

h unh, hunh. Hunh, hunh, fol - low.

h unh, hunh. rise up, shep-herd, and fol - low.

37

(repeat ad lib. till fade)

Fol - - - low, fol - - - low.

Fol - - - low, fol - - - low.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and they were terrified... When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste...

Luke 2:8-9, 15-16a NRSV