

What Was It Like?

For solo medium voice

Lyrics by Bruce C. Kusch

Music by Dean H. Hamill

With movement ♩ = 66

What was it like on so
What was it like for the

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The first system of the musical score. It features a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'With movement' with a quarter note equal to 66 beats per minute. The vocal line begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign, followed by the lyrics 'What was it like on so' and 'What was it like for the'. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note bass line and a more active treble line with chords and melodic fragments.

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ho - ly a night when shep - herds saw a star? With won - der, with awe, the
wise men from far who jour - neyed to wor - ship the child? The gifts that they brought, The

The second system of the musical score, starting at measure 6. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'ho - ly a night when shep - herds saw a star?' and 'wise men from far who jour - neyed to wor - ship the child?'. The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns, including a prominent eighth-note bass line.

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bril - l'iance they saw, their hearts filled with joy from a - far. The Child, He is born! The
Christ Child they sought, Do you think that they stayed for a while? Cho - sen to wit - ness God's

The third system of the musical score, starting at measure 10. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'bril - l'iance they saw, their hearts filled with joy from a - far.' and 'Christ Child they sought, Do you think that they stayed for a while?'. The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns, including a prominent eighth-note bass line.

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pro-phe-sied Lamb. Ma-ry gave birth to a King. He came to re-deem, so
Gift of great love, the Ma-gi, these pro-phets of old, Be-held the child's face, pro-

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sim-ply it seems, the an-gels and choirs did sing. Oh, I wish I could talk to the
tec-ted by grace, Brought frank-in-cense, myrrh, and some gold. Oh, I wish I could talk to the

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shep-herds and ask them a ques-tion or two. What did they feel?
Ma-gi and ask them a ques-tion or two. What did they see when they

26

Was it all real? I'd ask them for me, and for you.
came from the east? I'd ask them for me, and for you.

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What was it like for Ma - ry that night, And Jo - seph, so ten - der and kind? With

35

God watch - ing down, Her off - ring pro - found, What mi - ra - cu - lous awe filled her mind? Oh,

39

what was it like, Oh, what was it like, that glo - ri - ous won - drous eve, When

43

Je - sus the Sa - vior of all came to earth? Re - mem - ber and al - ways be - lieve. Oh, I

47

wish I had been there with an-gels. I'd tell you a sto-ry or two of

♩ = 50

51 rit.

shep-herds and Ma-gi, a mo-ther, and child. I know this, I know this is true.

rit.

♩ = 50

Duration 4 min. 40 sec.