

Commissioned by
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The Gift Of Love

Dedicated to my dear friend
and respected colleague, Gary.

Words by
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Music by
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Slowly, *ad lib.* A little faster (♩ = 69)

Oboe

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

p *mf* *p* *mf* *mp*

The gift of love, a

4

lov - ing heart, the gift of love, a lov - ing heart, the gift of love, The

8 *mp* *mf* *mp*

af - ter-glow of an - gel's songs Ling - ered in the air.

mp *mf* *mp*

12

f *mf*_a child,

When shep-herds rushed to find a child, to find a child, The
a child, The

f *mf*
(bring out Alto)

15

f *mf* (A little faster) *mp*

rar - est of the rare
rar - est of rare They found him as the

f *mf* *mp*

18

an - gel said, With - in a sta - ble with - in a sta - ble small
an - gel said, small

with - in a sta - ble small

21

f *mf* *f* *mp* Slower

A man - ger filled with gold - den straw, Held the Lord of

f *mf* *f* *mp*

24 *rit.* *mp*

rit. *mp*

all Lord, of all. They knelt in ad - o - ra - tion there Be -

mp

27

fore the ba - by, ba - by there They

29 *mp*

knelt in ad - o - ra - tion,

knelt in ad - o - ra - tion Be -

mp knelt in ad - o - ra - tion

31

fore the ba - by there, And felt His love and
 be - fore the ba-by there

there,
 mf mp

34

peace, care.
 felt his love and peace Ban - ish all their ban-ish all their care.
 peace, and peace, care.

peace care.
 mf

37

They knelt in ad - o - ra - tion Be - fore, the ba - by there
 Be - fore, be - fore the ba - by there

Be - fore the ba - by there

f

39

ff *f* *ff* *ff*

And felt His love and peace Ban - ish their care.

ff

And felt His ten-der love and peace Ban-ish all their care, ban-ish all their care.

And felt His love and peace Ban - ish all their, ban-ish all their care.

ff (ten-der love and peace) Ban - ish all their care.

41

Tempo primo (♩ = 69) *a tempo*

mp ad lib. *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp*

Tempo primo (♩ = 69) *p* *a tempo* *a little accented*

Ah No toys had

45

smile, No trea - sure

they to make Him to make Him smile, No trea - sure im - part

to make Him smile, No trea - sure

smile.

48

grad. accel.

grad. accel. *mf* *f* A heart,

each of

They gave what each one of us can give A sim - ple lov - ing heart,

mf *f* A heart

51

Slower *rit.* *ff*

sim - ple lov - ing heart.

A sim - ple lov - ing heart.

sim - ple lov - ing A lov - ing heart. They gave what each of

sim - ple lov - ing *ff* heart. *ff*

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f *ff*

f *ff*

heart.

us can give, A sim - ple lov - ing The gift of love.

The gift of love.

heart.

f *ff*