

The Most Beautiful Story That's Ever Been Told

Solo (use w/opt. violin)

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about ♩ = 102

mp

1 2 4 6

Musical notation for the first system, measures 1-6. The music is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The piano part features a wavy line in the first measure. The vocal line begins with a quarter note on G4.

mp rubato

8 10 12

If you'll lis - ten. my dar - ling, To - night 'ere you rest, I'll tell you the

rit. colla voce

Musical notation for the second system, measures 7-12. The piano part includes a wavy line in measure 7. The vocal line continues with lyrics. Performance markings include *mp*, *rubato*, *rit.*, and *colla voce*.

14 16 18

sto - ry — your mom - my loves best, How a mar - vel - ous thing that all chil - dren should

Musical notation for the third system, measures 13-18. The vocal line continues with lyrics. The piano part provides accompaniment.



20 22 24 *in rhythm*

know hap - pened in Beth - le - hem long, long a - go

in rhythm

26 28 30 *mf*

There were

mf *poco rit.*

32 34 36 *a tempo*

stars in the hea - vens, all shin - ing and bright, And a new star was
folk in the vil - lage were all fast a - sleep, There were shep - herds out

a tempo

38 40

ris - ing o'er Ju - dah that night, For with - in a poor sta - ble a
watch - ing that night with their sheep, When a le - gion of an - gels came

42 44 46

ba - by was born, And that beau - ti - ful ba - by was Je - sus, our
 down from on high, Sing - ing and bring - ing great tid - ings of

48 50 52

Lord. It's a sto - ry of won - der and glo - ry and awe, Filled with hea - ven - ly
 joy.

54 56 58

love and the good - ness of God, Learn it well, take it with you where - ev - er you

rit. 60 *a tempo* 62 64

go, The most beau - ti - ful sto - ry that's ev - er been told.

rit. *a tempo*

66 68 70

Though the

72 74 76

2.

told. In a man - ger He lay as the an - gel had said, While

78 80

Ma - ry and Jo - seph kept watch by his bed, For the babe was our

82 84 86

Sav - ior, the Fa - ther's own Son, sent to love lit - tle chil - dren, and

88 90

bless ev - 'ry one, It's a

92 94 96

mf beau - ti - ful sto - ry, the sweet - est I've heard, Full of com - fort and hope, and it's

98 100 102

true, ev - 'ry word, So re - mem - ber it al - ways, and then, when you're grown

104 106 108

f tell this sweet sto - ry__ to babes of your own. It's a sto - ry of

110 112

won - der and glo - ry and awe, Filled with hea - ven - ly love and the

114 116 118

good - ness of God, Learn it well, take it with you where - ev - er you

rit. 120 *mf* *a tempo* 122

go, The most beau - ti - ful sto - ry that's ev -

rit. *mf* *a tempo*

124 126 128 130

ten. er been told. _____

ten. *rit.*