

Shards of Heaven

for SATB choir

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Composed for *The Ripieno Choir*

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Text

*Brave star, of shards of heaven formed, rays warm the stygian night
They smooth the brow of the infant king with curls of tend'rest light
The angel arms reach from on high, crown him with golden love
Proclaim to all, both wise and blind, the sign from God above:
A star has ris'n, of Jacob born, to set the world alight;
A man has ris'n, of Israel born, to make the world star-bright.
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Duration

3 minutes approx.

First performance

First performed by *The Ripieno Choir* at their *Twelfth Night Concert* on Sunday 2nd January 2022, in All Saint's Church, Weston Green, conducted by Huw Morgan.

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♩=50 Ethereal
pp express.

SOPRANO
pp express. *p*
 Brave star, brave star, brave

ALTO
pp express. *p*
 Brave star, brave star, brave

S.
mp *pp* *pp* *p*
 star, of shards of shards of heav'n

A.
mp *pp* *pp* *p* *mp*
 star, of shards of shards of heav'n

T.
p express. *mp*
 Brave star, brave star, brave

B.
p express. *mp*
 Brave star, brave star, brave

S.
mp *mf* *f* *mp warmly* *p* *ppp still* *pp express.*
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A.
mf *f* *mp warmly* *p* *ppp still* *pp express.*
 heav'n heav'n formed rays warmed the sty - gian night they

T.
f *mp warmly* *p* *ppp still*
 star formed rays warmed sty - gian night

B.
f *mp warmly* *p* *ppp still*
 star, formed rays warmed sty - gian night