

For the Chancel Choir, Webster Groves Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),
Webster Groves (St. Louis), Missouri

The Gift of Angels

SATB and Organ or String Quartet

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$\text{♩} = 72$

Soprano
Alto

Organ

Solo

pp

(Ped. *ad lib.*)

4 *Unison mp*

Wing - ing 'round you, — warm - ly glow - ing, —
*Qui - et hill - side, — shep - herds doz - ing, —

p

*Alternate text for Christmas.

If performed with String Quartet, organ is not used.

Throughout, three-part writing for women is to be sung Solo or small group (highest notes), Soprano, Alto.

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7

thongs of an - gels — watch and guide. Lift your wear - y —
sheep in clus - ters — on the hill. Gold - en ra - diance —

10

eyes and see them. — Bright com - pan - ions — at your side
fills a sta - ble, — crea - tures gaz - ing, — calm and still.

13 Div.

go with you in the joy and sor - row, — a - gents of God's
All at once in the skies are clo - ven, — songs of glo - ry

mp

*Unison
mp*

16

love sound ap - plied, not a bur - den un - sup - port - ed,
on high. Hear the her - ald an - gels sing - ing,

19

not a hope or dream de - nied.
"Peace to God's whole earth!" they cry.

22

25 *Div. mf*

Soprano
Alto

(Organ
ad lib.)

Tenor
Bass

Sure - ly un - der - shin - ing pin - ions - qui - et - ref - uge -
Heav'n - ly mu - sic, - shin - ing pin - ions, - no - ble ser - vants -

28

waits for - you. - An - gels res - cue, - guard, and shel - ter, -
tried and true. - An - gels res - cue, - guard, and shel - ter, -

31

Raise your voice and
May we hear the
mp

all your - fears and doubts sub - due. - Ah,
all our - fears and doubts sub - due. - Ah,
mp

Raise your voice and
May we hear the

34

call voice them near - er,
of an - gels, -

let may their love and light come through. -
their love and light come through. -

37

mp

Earth - ly e - vil - melts be - fore them, joy re - turns and

mp

40

rit. *a tempo*

hopes re - new.

rit. *a tempo*

Solo

mf

43

f

Oh! To hear the

f

Oh,

f Solid 8's, Light 4's to balance

46

an - gel mu - sic! How the ser - aphs' song must ring!

Ah, ah, prais - ing their ce - *cresc. poco a*

49 *mf*

Ah, prais - ing their ce -

Cher - u - bim and thrones now join - ing, — *cresc. poco a*

les - tial ah, ah,

52 *poco*

les - tial King. — Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, — we your chil - dren, —
 "Un - to you a Child is giv - en, —

poco

55 *mf*

ah,

blind to ha - lo, — harp, and wing, — thank you for the
 God on Earth has — come to dwell." — Hear the Christ - mas

mf

58

gift of an - gels, — praise you — for the peace they —
an - gels sing - ing, — “Christ is — born, Em - man - u —

p *p**

61

bring. — Oo. —
el!” — Oo. —

pp *pp** *rit.* *pp* *rit.* *ppp* *rit.* *pp*

Slower *rit.* *ppp* *rit.* *pp*

*Cue-size notes for performance with *alternate text*.

**Measures 62-64 may be performed *a cappella* at Director's discretion when performed with Organ.