

Virgin-born We Bow Before Thee

SATB with Piano and optional Flute

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Psalm 86 Claude Goudimel (1514-1572)

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The musical score is arranged in three systems, each featuring a Flute (Fl.) and Piano (Piano) part. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The score begins with a first-measure rest for the Flute, followed by a melodic line starting on measure 2. The Piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note bass line and a treble line with chords. Measure 5 includes a first-measure rest for the Flute and a dynamic marking of *p*. Measure 9 includes a first-measure rest for the Flute and a dynamic marking of *p*. The score concludes with a final measure in measure 10.

1
Flute *p* 8va

5
Fl. (8va)

9
Fl. *p*

13 *mp*

SA
TB

Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee.

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Fl.

Piano

mp

17

SA
TB

bless - ed was the womb that bore thee; Ma - ry,

bless - ed was the womb that bore thee; Ma - ry,

Piano

21

SA
 TB
 Piano

Mo - ther meek and mild, bless - ed was she in her

Mo - ther meek and mild, bless - ed was she in her

25

SA
 TB
 Fl.
 Piano

p dolce

Child. Bless - ed was the breast that fed thee;

Child.

p

p

29

SA
 bless - ed was the hand that led thee; *mf*

TB
 bless - ed

Fl.
mf

Piano
mf

33

TB
 was the par - ent's eye that watched thy slum - b'ring in - fan -

Piano

37

TB
 cy.

Fl.
mf

Piano

41 *mp* Choir a cappella ad lib.

SA
TB
Fl.
Piano

Bless - ed she by all cre -
Bless - ed she by all cre -

Choir a cappella ad lib.
mp

45

SA
TB
Piano

a - tion, who brought forth the world's sal - va - tion,
a - tion, who brought forth the world's sal - va - tion,

49 *f*

SA
 bless - ed they, for - ev - er blest, who love thee

TB
 bless - ed they, for - ev - er blest, who love thee

Fl.

Piano
f

53 *mf*

SA
 most and serve thee best. Vir - gin - born, we bow be -

TB
 most and serve thee best.

Fl.
mf

Piano
mf

57

SA
fore thee; bless - ed was the womb that bore thee;

TB
mf bless - ed was the womb that bore thee;

Fl.

Piano

61

SA
Ma ry, Mo - ther meek and mild, bless ed.

TB
Ma - ry, Mo - ther meek and mild, bless - ed

Fl.

Piano

65 *p*

SA
was she in her Child. Vir - gin -

TB
was she in her Child. Vir - gin -

Fl.

Piano
p (l.v.)

69

SA
born, we bow be - fore thee.

TB
born, we bow be - fore thee.

Fl.

Piano
p *Spa*