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Medium Voice Solo  
or M/F Duet;  
Guitar and Bass,  
String Ensemble,  
or Keyboard

# A Light Before the Dawn

An Anthem for the Epiphany  
(or anytime between Christmas and Easter)

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Flowing - Expressive  $\text{♩}=95$   
Voice

*mp* female voice  
In a sta - ble,

*mp*

*mp*

6 cold and raw, the win - ter night is long. A wo - man rests u - pon - the straw,

*dolce* *rit.* *p* *pp*  
11 as lambs and ewes look on. *rit.* *p* The on - ly sound - an in - fant's cry: *pp* her ba - by has

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*a tempo* *as from a distance*

16  
 been born. Ah Ah Ah  
 16

*mf* *hopeful*

21  
 One bright star shines down on them a light before the dawn. The sun will rise  
 21

*a little faster* ♩=105

26  
 but un-til then, this light will linger on. *mp*  
 26

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*very slow*  
*glissandi*

*a tempo*  
*mp* male voice

37

Soon a life - time has gone by. The up - hill road is long. A

*mp*

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wo - man bids her son good-bye; a rau - cous crowd looks on. Yet no - one hears the

*mf* *rit.* *>* *subito p* *mournful legato*

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*female voice*  
*as from a distance*

46

wo - man cry, when her son is gone. Oo \_\_\_\_\_ Oo \_\_\_\_\_ Oo

*both voices* *a tempo*

51

Now, one bright star shines down on us, \_\_\_\_\_ a star \_\_\_\_\_ to wish

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up on. Un-til we rise, \_\_\_\_\_ we'll al-ways have \_\_\_\_\_ this star to lead us on.

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61 *rit.*  
Un - til we rise, we'll al - ways have \_\_\_\_\_ this light be - fore the dawn.

*subito p*  
*female voice* *allarg.* *both voices*  
66 One bright star shines down on us \_\_\_\_\_ a light be - fore the dawn.

71 *dim.*  
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