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Composition:

A Child is Born – SATB and Piano

Date: 1964

Duration: 4:00

Recording: computer simulation

Program note:

A Child is Born was written for the Houston Spring Branch High School as part of my composer-in-residence tenure from 1964 to 1966. No performance recording was made.

Text:

A child is born in Bethlehem.
Awaiteth him all Jerusalem
Amor! quam dulcis est amor!
The Son took upon him humanity,
That to the Father thus draws nigh,
Amor! quam dulcis est amor!
The angels above were singing then,
Below were rejoicing the shepherd men,
Amor! quam dulcis est amor!
Now let us all with the angels sing.
Yea, now let our hearts with gladness spring.
Amor! quam dulcis est amor!

-Dutch carol