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The Lord at first did Adam make

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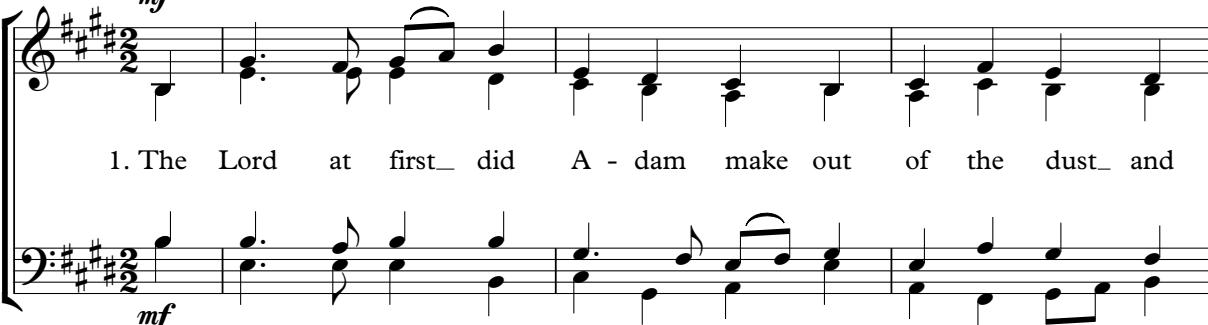
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Andante $\text{♩} = 56$

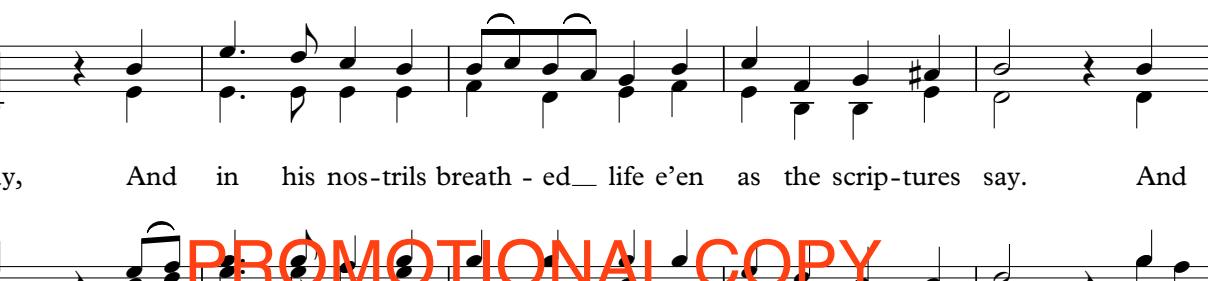
SOPRANO **ALTO**

TENOR **BASS**



1. The Lord at first did Adam make out of the dust and

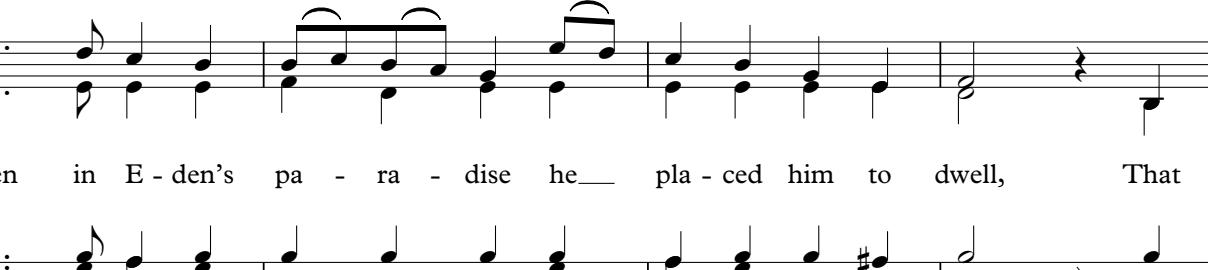
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clay, And in his nos-trils breath-ed life e'en as the scrip-tures say. And

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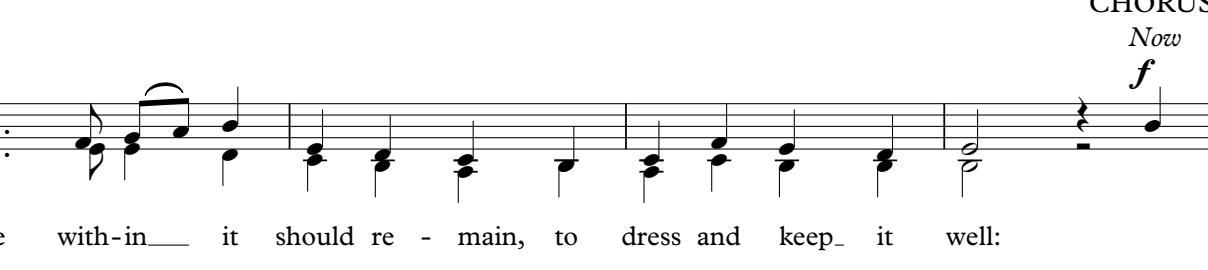
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then in E - den's pa - ra - dise he pla - ced him to dwell, That

CHORUS
Now

13



he with-in it should re - main, to dress and keep it well:

17 let good Chris-tians all be - gin
 Now all be - gin an - ho - ly life to live, And
 f f

21 to re - joice and mer - ry be, for this is Christ - mas Eve.
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S. *p* 25 Ah *mf* And
 A. *mf* 2. And thus with-in the gar-den he was set there-in to stay; Ah

29 in com-mand-ment un - to him these words the Lord did say:

T. *mf* 33
 'The fruit which in the gar - den grows to__ thee shall be for meat,'

B. *mp* Ah *mf*
 'Ex -

37 *p*
 Ah

-cept the tree__ in the midst there - of, of which thou shalt not eat.'

CHORUS

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Now let good Chris-tians all__ be__ gin

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S. *f* 41
 A.

Now all be - gin an__ ho - ly life to live, And

T. *f*
 B.

45

to re - joice__ and mer - ry be,__ for this is Christ - mas Eve.

T. 49 *mp* Ah *mf* 'If

B. *mf*

3. 'For in the day thou shalt it touch or dost to it come nigh,'

53

so thou do but eat there - of then thou shalt sure - ly die.'

mp Ah

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S. 57

But A - dam he did take no heed un - to that on - ly thing, But

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61

did trans - gress_ God's ho - ly law, and so was wrapt in sin:

did trans - gress God's ho - ly law, and so was wrapt in sin:

CHORUS

Now let good Chris-tians all be - gin

S. *f* 65

A. *f*

T. *f*

B. *f*

Now all be - gin an ho - ly life to live, And

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to re - joice and mer - ry be, for this is Christ - mas Eve.

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73 *f*

4. Now mark the good - ness of the Lord, which he for man - kind bore, His

f

78

mer - cy soon he did ex - tend, lost man for to re - store; And

82

then, for to re - deem our souls from death and hell - ish thrall, He

86

Now let good Christians
ff Now
 said his own dear Son should be the Sa-viour of us all: Now

Now let good Christians

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all be - gin an ho - ly life to live, and to, And

Chris - tians all an ho - ly life to live, and to, and

ff Be - gin an ho - ly life to live, and to, and

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poco rit.

to re - joice and mer - ry be,
 for this is Christ - mas Eve.

to, and mer - ry be,
 to re - joice and mer - ry be