

# Hypakoe

*The Nativity of Christ - December 25*

Russian Imperial Court Chant  
arr. by Alexander Kastalsky

Tone 8

Soprano  
Alto

Heav - en brought the first-fruits of the Gen - tles as a

Tenor  
Bass

gift for You; a star sum-moned the Wise Men to the

Babe in the man - ger. They were a - mazed to see nei - ther

throne nor scepter, but only ab - ject pov - er - ty.

[What is more humble ...]

What is more hum - ble than a cave? What is more low - ly than

The first system of the musical score is written on a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff.

swad - dling clothes? Yet the rich - es of Your di - vin - i - ty

The second system continues the melody. It features a whole rest in the treble staff for the first measure, followed by eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff.

shone through all these. O Lord, — glo - ry to You!

The third system concludes the chant. It includes a repeat sign and a final double bar line. The melody uses eighth, quarter, and half notes. The lyrics are written below the staff.