

# December 25: Kontakion

## Bulgarian Melody, Tone 3

after D. Bortniansky

S  
A

*mf*

To-day the Vir - gin giv-eth birth, the Vir - gin giv - eth birth

T  
B

*mf*

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of the musical score. The Soprano and Alto parts are written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The Tenor and Bass parts are written on a single staff with a bass clef and the same key signature. The music begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "To-day the Vir - gin giv-eth birth, the Vir - gin giv - eth birth".

*p* *mf*

to the Tran - scen-dent, Tran - scen-dent One. And the earth,

*p* *mf*

Detailed description: This system contains the second two staves of the musical score. The Soprano and Alto parts continue with a piano (*p*) dynamic, followed by mezzo-forte (*mf*). The Tenor and Bass parts also continue with piano (*p*) and mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamics. The lyrics are: "to the Tran - scen-dent, Tran - scen-dent One. And the earth,".

and the earth of - fer-eth a cave to the Un - ap-proach-a-ble,

Detailed description: This system contains the third two staves of the musical score. The Soprano and Alto parts continue with the lyrics: "and the earth of - fer-eth a cave to the Un - ap-proach-a-ble,". The Tenor and Bass parts continue with the same lyrics.

*p* *mf*

Un - ap - proach-a - ble One. An - - - gels, an - gels, with

*p* *mf*

Detailed description: This system contains the final two staves of the musical score. The Soprano and Alto parts continue with a piano (*p*) dynamic, followed by mezzo-forte (*mf*). The Tenor and Bass parts also continue with piano (*p*) and mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamics. The lyrics are: "Un - ap - proach-a - ble One. An - - - gels, an - gels, with".

shep - herds give glo - ry, give glo - ry, glo - ry;

Ma - gi, Ma - gi jour - ney with a star,

jour - ney with a star. For our sake,

for our sake a young child is born, Who is pre - e - ter - nal God,

pre - e - ter - nal God, pre - e - ter - nal God.