

Dedicated to Dr. James C. Howell by his church family for 11 years of ministry
as Senior Pastor of Myers Park United Methodist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Work of Christmas

For SATB Choir, a cappella*

Howard Thurman (1899-1981)

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(ASCAP)

Slowly, simply, with great freedom $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 76-80$
SOPRANO *p* (Some Altos may join)

When the song of the an-gels is silled,
Oh (Mm) Oh (Mm)
Oh (Mm)

when the stars in the sky is gone, When the
When the
Oh (Mm) When the

*Where feasible, this piece may be sung "in the round", with the choir surrounding the congregation/audience.

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kings and prin-ces are home, when the shep-herds are back with their
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And prin-ces are home, when the shep-herds are back with their

flock, The work of Christ-mas be-gins: To find the
flock, The work of Christ-mas be-gins: To find the
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lost, To heal the bro-ken, To feed the hun-gry, To re-lease the
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lost, To heal the bro-ken, To feed the hun-gry, To re-lease the
lost, To heal the bro-ken, To feed the hun-gry, To re-lease the

mong broth-ers, To make mu-sic, make mu-sic
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mong broth-ers, To make mu-sic, make mu-sic
mong broth-ers, To make mu-sic, make mu-sic

pris-ner, To re-build the na-tions; To bring peace a -
pris-ner, To re-build the na-tions; To bring peace a -
pris-ner, To re-build the na-tions; To bring peace a -
pris-ner, To re-build the na-tions; To bring peace a -

make mu-sic from the heart.
sic, make mu-sic from the heart.
sic, make mu-sic from the heart.
make mu-sic from the heart.

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Like the beginning *p* (some Altos may join)

When the song of the an-gels is stilled,

p
Oh (*Mm*) — Oh (*Mm*) —

p
Oh (*Mm*) —

Like the beginning

p

49 50 51 52 53

— when the star in the sky is gone, — when the kings and

— when the kings and

Oh (*Mm*) — when the kings and

Oh (*Mm*) — when the kings and

— when the kings and

54 55 56 57 58 59

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prin-ces are — home, — when the shep-herds are back with their flock, —

poco rit.
prin-ces are home, — when the shep-herds are back with their flock, —

poco rit.
prin-ces are home, — when the shep-herds are back with their flock, —

poco rit.
prin-ces are home, — when the shep-herds are back with their flock, —

poco rit.
prin-ces are home, — when the shep-herds are back with their flock, —

60 61 62 63 64 65

pp slowly

the work of Christ - mas — be - gins. —

pp slowly
the work of Christ - mas — be - gins. —

pp slowly rit.
of Christ - mas — be - gins. —

pp slowly rit.
work of Christ - mas — be - gins. —

66 67 68 69 70 71

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