

Commissioned by St. John United Methodist Church (Anchorage, Alaska) to honor
Karen Kuepert Horton for her 17 years of service as organist, pianist and sanctuary choir director.

What Strangers Are These?

For SATB Choir with Keyboard and optional flute and/or guitar*

Old Scottish Carol

Scottish folk song (*adapted*)
Arranged by DAN FORREST (ASCAP)

Gently, freely ♩ = ca. 60-63

poco rit.
a tempo
mf
with pedal

dolce espressivo
SA unis. *mp*

What - stran - gers are these that

wan - der through the town? Hush, 'tis Jo - seph and wear - y Mar - y. And -
8 9 10

* Full score and parts for flute and guitar (BP1990A) is available.

** Piano may omit cue-size notes if guitar is played.

what does he seek so hope-less and in vain? He is seek - ing shel - ter - for

Mar - y. For she is the blest and cho - sen of the Lord, Who will

TB unis. *mf*

bear to us a good - ly King.

And who is this King of

mp

mp

p

Know ye not the Christ, Je-sus the Sav -
whom ye proud-ly sing?

20 21 22

moving forward *pulling back*

ior?
moving forward *pulling back*

23 24 25 26

a tempo *p unis.*

a tempo What- wee child* is this that

27 28 29 30

*original: "bairn" (Scottish)
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in a man-ger lies? Hush, 'tis Je - sus Christ, Son of Mar - y.
Say what

31 32 33

fair maid is this whose joy is mixed with awe? O 'tis Mar - y, moth - er of

34 35 36

unis. mf *molto legato*

O these are the shep-herds and these the ma-gi kings Who have
Je - sus.

37 38 39

p

brought Him their gifts of gold and myrrh. But why kneel in hom - age
lightly

40 41 42

cresc. 3

here be-fore a babe? They a - dore their King, Je-sus the Sav -
cresc. 3

43 44 45

f

unis. *f* with confidence Poco più mosso $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 66$ molto legato

ior. Who are these that march from
unis. *f* with confidence molto legato

Poco più mosso $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 66$

f with confidence

46 47 48

death — un - to life? These are they who love Je-sus the Christ Child. And -
49 50 51

how do they tri - umph o'er the gates of hell? Through the grace of Him, Je-sus the
unis. 3
52 53 54

mf . *f*

Sav - ior. Ah To bring

He is born to re-deem man-kind from sin and strife,
55 56 57

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peace, joy, love and broth-er - hood.

p *innocently*

where?

where shall I find Him? Where.. shall I seek? He is here and now, Je-sus your

p *unis.*

Sav - ior.

rit.

tenderly

p

rit.

rit.

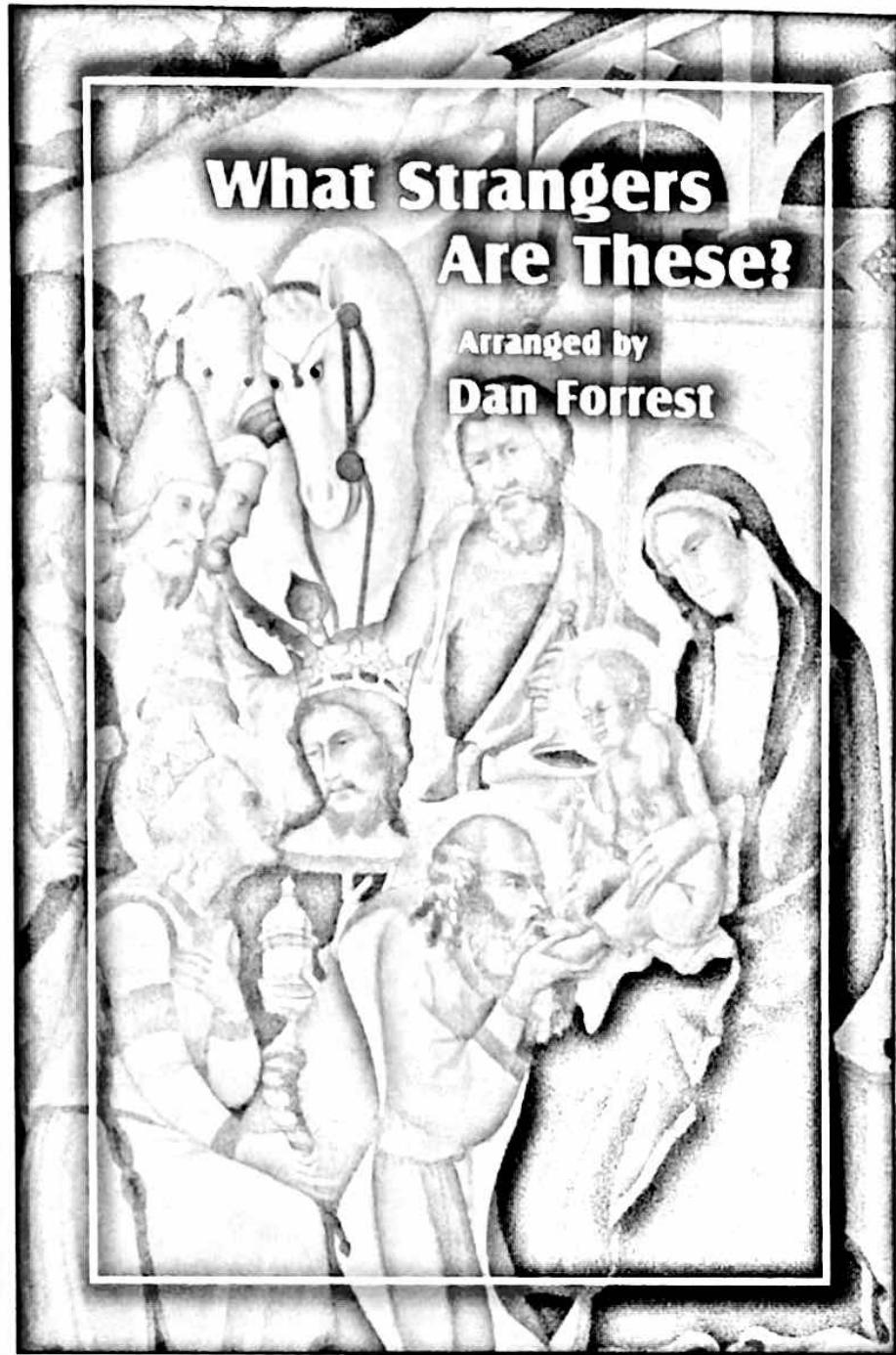
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