

The Crown of Roses (Legend)

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mf = 57 *p* *mf* *p*

Soprano

1. When Je- sus Christ was yet a child He had a gar- den small and

Alto

Tenor

Bass

1. When Je- sus Christ was yet a child He had a gar- den small and

8 *pp* *pp*

S

wild, Where-in he cher- ished ro- ses fair, And wove them in- to gar- lands

A

T

B

wild, Where-in he cher- ished ro- ses fair, And wove them in- to gar- lands

16 *mf* *p* *mf*

S

there. 2. Now once, as sum- mer- time drew nigh, There came a

A

T

B

there. 2. Now once, as sum- mer- time drew nigh, There came a

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S *p* *pp*
troop of child- ren by, And see- ing ro- ses on the tree,

A *p* *pp*
troop of child- ren by, And see- ing ro- ses on the tree,

T *p* *pp*
troop of child- ren by, And see- ing ro- ses on the tree,

B *p* *pp*
troop of child- ren by, And see- ing ro- ses on the tree,

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S *pp* *f*
With shouts they plucked them mer- ri- ly. 3. 'Do you bind ro- ses in your

A *pp* *f*
With shouts they plucked them mer- ri- ly. 3. 'Do you bind ro- ses in your

T *pp* *f*
With shouts they plucked them mer- ri- ly. 3. 'Do you bind ro- ses in your

B *pp* *f*
With shouts they plucked them mer- ri- ly. 3. 'Do you bind ro- ses in your

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S *pp*
hair?' They cried, in scorn, to Je- sus there. The boy said hum- bly:

A *pp*
hair?' They cried, in scorn, to Je- sus there. The boy said hum- bly:

T *pp*
hair?' They cried, in scorn, to Je- sus there. The boy said hum- bly:

B *pp*
hair?' They cried, in scorn, to Je- sus there. The boy said hum- bly:

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S *pp* *p*

'Take, I pray, All but the na- ked thorns a- way.' 4. Then of the thorns they

A *pp* *p*

T *pp* *p*

B *pp* *p*

'Take, I pray, All but the na- ked thorns a- way.'

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S *ff* *p*

made a crown, and with rough fin- gers pressed it down, Till on his fore- head

A *ff* *p*

T *ff* *p*

B *ff* *p*

made a crown, and with rough fin- gers pressed it down, Till on his fore- head

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S *ff* *p*

fair and young Red drops of blood like ro- ses sprung.

A *ff* *p*

T *ff* *p*

B *ff* *p*

fair and young Red drops of blood like ro- ses sprung.

like ro- ses sprung, like ro- ses sprung.