

# ON THE MORNING OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY

ODE BY  
John Milton

SET TO MUSIC FOR  
Baritone solo, Chorus, String Orchestra and Organ

by  
Henry Walford Davies

## Violin Solo

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HENRY WALFORD DAVIES

Largamente Colla voce (quasi recit.)

Violin I

29 1-29

40 *dim.* *mp*

47 *cresc.* *dim.* 13 52-64 12 65-76 *calando*

## ARIA

80 *p* *Andantino* *sempre legato e espressivo* *cresc.*

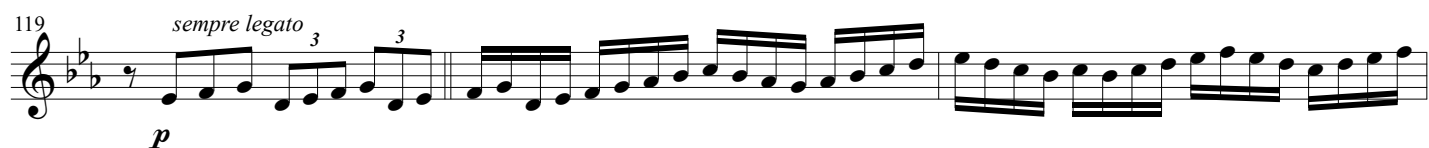
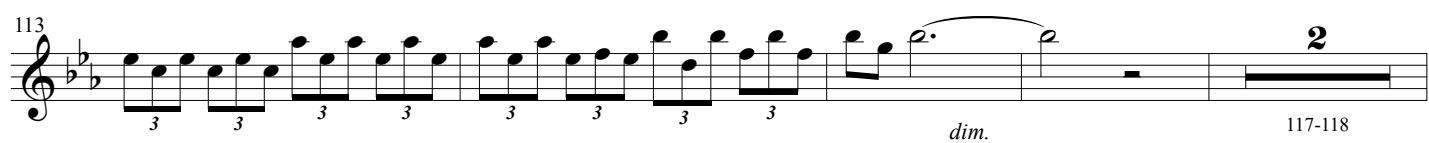
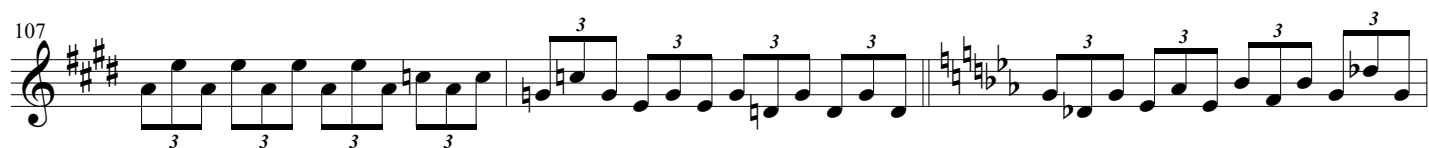
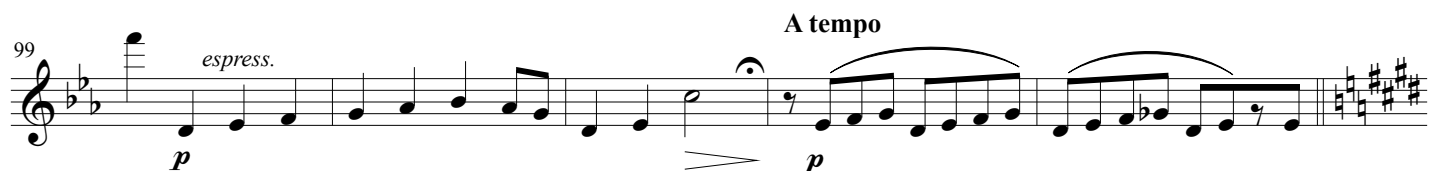
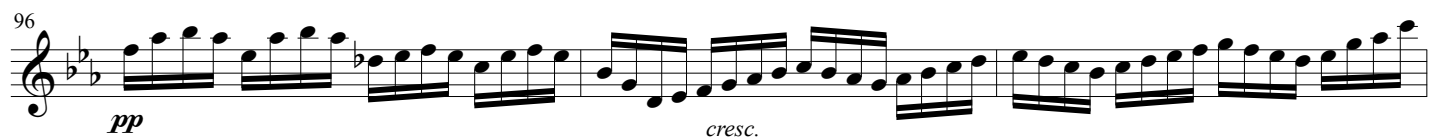
84 *f* *poco a poco dim.*

87 *pp*

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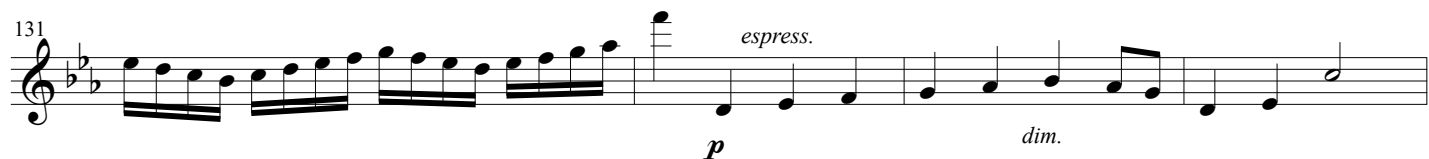
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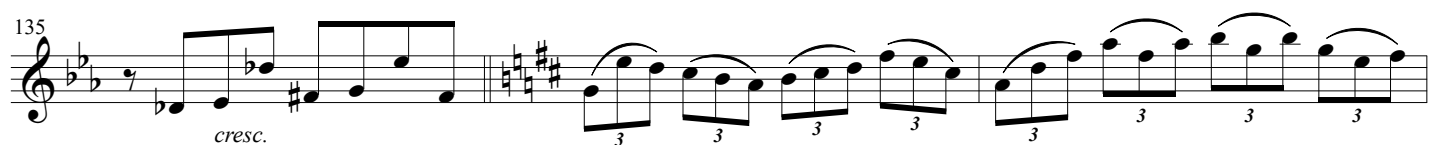
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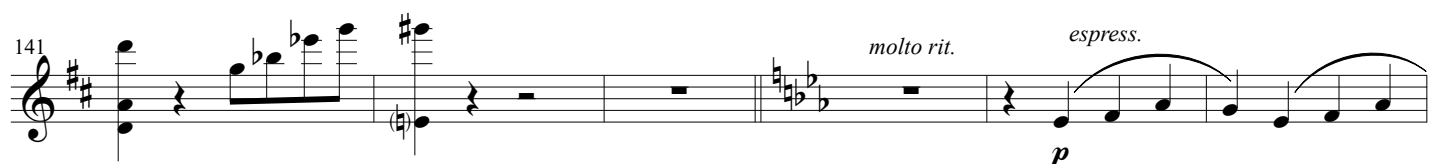
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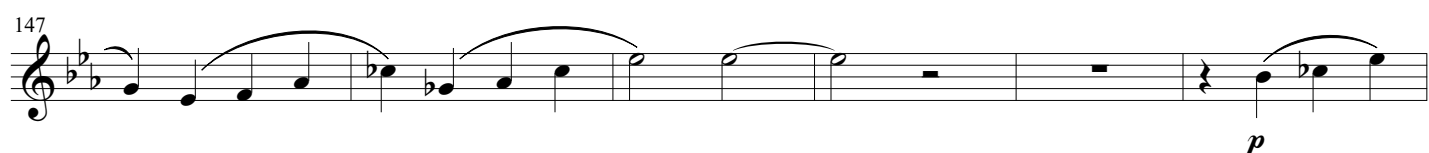
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131  *espress.*  
*p* *dim.*

135  *cresc.*

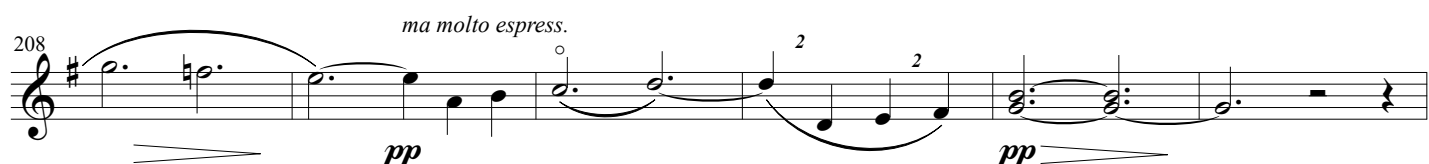
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141  *molto rit.* *espress.*  
*p*

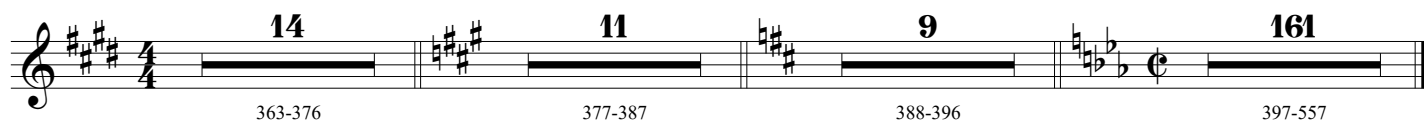
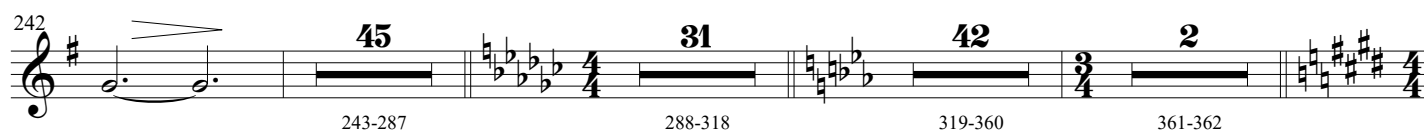
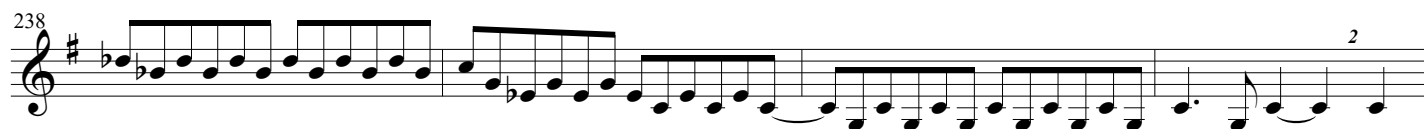
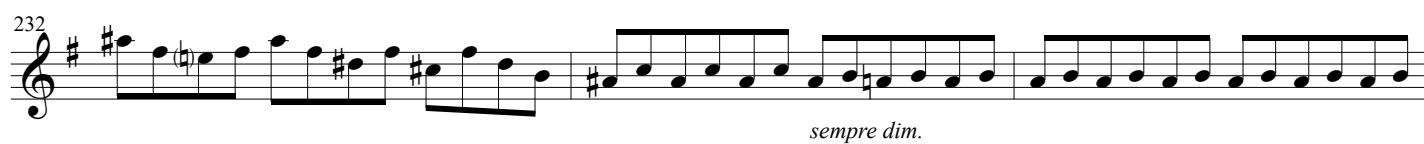
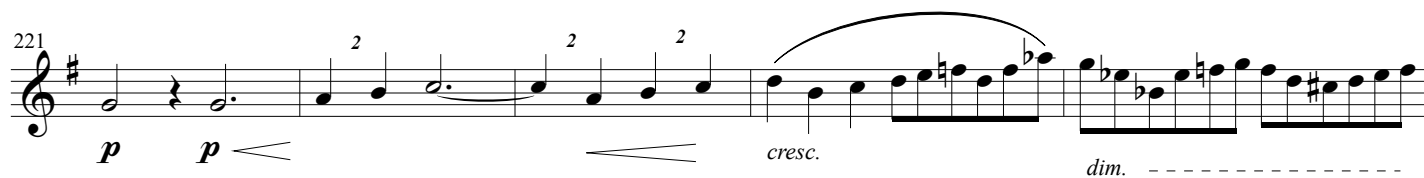
147  *p*

153  *pp*

**Tranquillo** *e con piacevole espress.*  
47  *p*  
157-203

208  *pp* *pp*

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