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for Karen Ward and the Cherub Choir
of Saint Rita Catholic Church, Dallas, Texas

The Friendly Beasts

Variations on a Christmas Carol

12th century English tune
setting by Joel Martinson

I: Salicional 8'
II: Flutes 8' & 4'
Pedal: Flute 16', II/Ped.

Traditional carol

With a gentle lilt $\text{♩} = 40$ ($\text{♩} = 120$)

Flute/Oboe *baroque legato*

Organ *I { baroque legato*

Man. (opt. ped. *ad lib.*)

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ALL VOICES:

1. Je-sus, our broth-er, kind and good, Was

Performance Notes: This setting is scored for voices and organ with optional flute or oboe in the manner of Baroque instrumental variations. If a C instrument is used, the organist should omit the right hand cue notes in measures 32-39 and 57-69. Harpsichord (or piano) may be substituted for the organ with the proviso that a C instrument be employed to play at least the obligato voice in measures 57-69. In this case, the accompanist may also play octaves in the left hand when "Ped." is indicated. Registrational changes should never be abrupt. Indications given for "All," "Boys," and "Girls" are suggestions; semi-chorus may replace these as desired. Duration: 3'30".

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hum-bly born in a sta-ble rude, And the friend-ly beasts a-round him stood;

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BOYS:

Je-sus, our broth-er, kind and good. 2. "I," said the don-key, shag-gy and brown, "I

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car-ried his moth-er up hill and down; I car-ried her safe-ly to Beth-le-hem town."

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GIRLS:

"I," said the don - key, shag - gy and brown. 3. "I," said the cow, all

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white and red, "I gave him my man - ger for his bed, I gave him my hay to

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pil - low his head." "I," said the cow, all white and red.

I (Flutes 8', 4')

ALL:

4. "I," said the sheep with cur - ly horn, "I gave him my wool for his

blan - ket warm, He wore my coat on Christ - mas morn."

GIRLS:

"I," said the sheep with cur - ly horn. 5. "I," said the dove from the

(+ Flute 2')

Ped.