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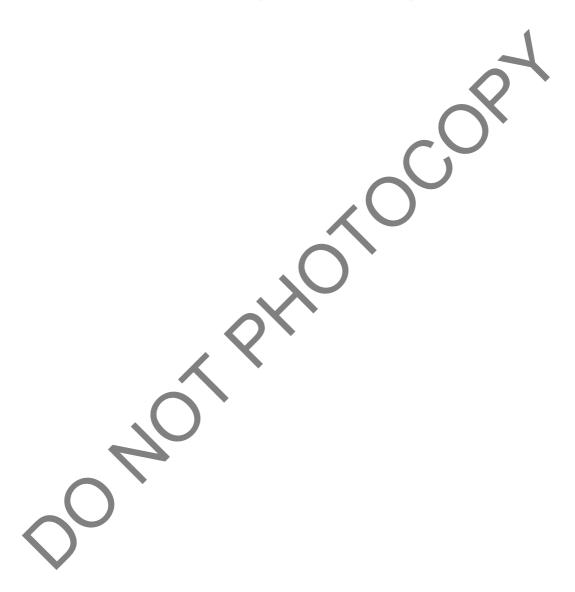
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3. Away in a manger Richard Rodney Bennett Anon. Andante tranquillo (J. = 40)  $m{p}$  sempre legato con Ped. The -way in man-ger, no crib for bed, tle Lord Je - sus Led. mp head. The down his sweet in the bright sky looked stars Led. dim. down where he The the lay, lit - tle Lord Je - sus, dim.



















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