THAT FIRST CRY

VERSE 1

Ladies: A night like any other all creation slept, knowing not Redemption had arrived. The Promised Gift of Christmas, Peace on earth was born, bringing love and joy to all mankind.

ALL: That silent night was broken by the sweetness of a sacred cry.

CHORUS

SATB: With that first cry of the Baby Messiah, New hope came shining like light into dawn. With that first cry there was joy, Hallelujah! *And life had burst into its song! The whole world rejoiced in re*ply *with that first cry.*

VERSE 2

ALL unison: Through the veil of darkness mercy pierced the sky, blazing from on high to show the way___

Ladies/Men: in that very moment right before their eyes, Heaven's greatest Treasure on display. *And from the straw of a cattle stall, one sound made angels stand in* awe:

CHORUS

SATB: With that first cry of the Baby Messiah, New hope came shining like light into dawn. With that first cry there was joy, Hallelujah! *And life had burst into its song! The whole world rejoiced in re*ply *with that first cry.*

Ladies: The small, fragile sound of an infant, shivering there in the night,

ALL: *Would someday resound with the thundering pound of a* heartbeat returning to life!

SATB: With that first cry of the Baby Messiah, New hope came shining like light into dawn. With that first cry there was joy, Hallelujah! *And life had burst into its song! The whole world rejoiced in re*ply *with that first cry_____. With that first cry!*