

# Love came down at Christmas

Christina Rossetti, 1885

SATB a cappella

trad. Irish (Gartan)  
arr. Sheena Phillips

Semplice ♩ = c. 76

The musical score is for SATB a cappella. It is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The tempo is marked 'Semplice' with a quarter note equal to approximately 76 beats per minute. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains measures 1 through 6. The second system contains measures 7 through 10. The vocal parts are Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). Dynamics include piano (p) and mezzo-piano (mp). The lyrics are: 'Love came down, Love came down, ah, Love came down at Christ-mas, Love came down at Christ-mas, ah, Love was born, ah, Love was born, Love all love - ly, Love Div - ine; Love was born at Christ - mas, Love all love - ly, Love Div - ine; Love was born at Christ - mas,'.

S  
Love came down, Love came down, ah,

A  
Love came down, Love came down, ah,

T  
Love came down at Christ-mas,

B  
Love came down at Christ-mas,

7  
ah, Love was born,

ah, Love was born,

Love all love - ly, Love Div - ine; Love was born at Christ - mas,

Love all love - ly, Love Div - ine; Love was born at Christ - mas,

11 A

ah.

ah.

Star and An - gels gave the sign.

Star and An - gels gave the sign.

Wor - ship we,

Wor - ship we,

Wor - ship we,

Wor - ship we,

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

15 *mf dolce*

Wor-ship we the God-head, Love in-car-nate, Love Div-ine;

wor - ship we, wor - ship we Love Di - vine;

wor - ship we, wor - ship we Love Di - vine;

wor - ship we, wor - ship we Love Di - vine;

*mf dolce*

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*p*

Wor - ship we our Je - sus, But where-with for sac - red sign?

*p*

wor - ship we; ah.

*p*

wor - - - ship we, ah.

*p*

wor - - - ship we, ah.

B

*mf con calore* *mp*

Love shall be, Love shall be, ah,

*mf*

Love shall be our to - ken,

*mf con calore* *mp*

Love shall be, Love shall be, ah,

*mf con calore* *mp*

Love shall be, Love shall be, ah,

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ah, Love to God and all men,  
ah, Love to God and all men,  
Love be yours and love be mine; Love to God and all men,  
ah, Love to God and all men,

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Love for plea, love, Love for plea and gift and sign.  
Love, Love for gift and sign.  
Love, love for gift, Love for gift and sign.  
Love, Love for gift and sign.