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Can Love Be Found in a Manger? / Dale Peterson

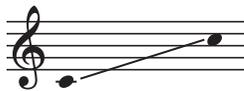
SATB Voices with Piano

Duration: 3:37

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Dale Peterson



Sop  Alto 

Tenor  Bass 

CARL FISCHER

Performance Notes

The text *Can Love Be Found in a Manger?* was inspired by the four candles of the Advent Wreath which symbolically represent: hope, peace, joy, and love. Can we still find these emotions in an event of long ago? Yes! We find them in the manger, in a star's bright light, in a baby's first cry, and even "tonight" as we both sing and reflect.

The questions asked by the text give an opportunity for the choir to sing beautifully arched phrases with the emphasis on the word found. Do not be reluctant to bring down the dynamics at the end of these phrases. It will be important for the singers to carefully follow the dynamic indications throughout the piece. Be especially careful of intonation and balance in mm. 54-56. In mm. 87-90, avoid singing the *Stille Nacht* fragment too loudly. In the last two measures, sopranos, tenors, and basses should yield to the altos as they move up on the final "tonight."

When sung with sensitivity and thoughtfulness, it is the composer's wish that hope, peace, joy and love be found by singers and listeners.

About the Composer

Dale Peterson is Minister of Music/Composer in Residence at Auburn First Baptist Church, Auburn, Alabama. Dale was born in Louisville, Kentucky in 1948 and is married with two adult sons, Travis and Tyler.

He holds a BA in Music from Kentucky Southern College of the University of Louisville and an MM in Theory from Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati with additional PH.D work at the University of Cincinnati. Dale has been a recipient of ASCAP award for the past 20 years and is a member of ASCAP, ACDA, Choristers Guild, Baptist Church Conference and the Hymn Society of America.

Dale's hobbies include ham radio, gardening, and baking.

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Words and Music by
DALE PETERSON

Piano

mp

$\text{♩} = 88$

5 **Soprano,
Alto** *mp*

**Tenor,
Bass**

Can hope be found in a

9

man - ger?

mp

Can peace be found in a

13

mf

Can joy be

star's bright light? Can joy be

mf

mf

16

found in a ba - by's first cry? Can love be

found in a ba - by's first cry? Can love be

mp

20

found to - night?

found to - night?

p

p

36

p

hills? _____ Can love be found to - night?

hills? _____ Can love be found to - night?

p

p

40

mf

Find hope in a man - ger.

mf

44

mf

Find peace in the star's bright light.

mf

48

Find joy in a ba - by's first

Find joy in a ba - by's first

52

f cry. Find love to -

f cry. Find love to -

f Find love to -

mf Find love to -

mf Find love to -

56

mp night. Can hope be found, found in

mp night. Can hope be found, found in

mf Can hope be found, found in

mf Can hope be found, found in

60

Beth-le-hem? Can peace be found in a
Beth-le-hem? Can peace be found in a

64

star's bright light? Can joy be found in a
star's bright light? Can joy be found in a

68 ba - by's first

ba - by's first cry? Can love be found to -
ba - by's first cry? Can love be found to -

72 *p* night? *mf* Find hope in a

p night?

76 man - ger. *mf* Find peace in the

80 Find joy in a star's bright light. Find joy in a

84

f

ba - by's first cry. _____

f *mp*

ba - by's first cry. _____ Find _____ hope.

f *mp*

89

mp **Meno mosso**

Find _____ peace. *p* Find joy and love to -

p Find joy and love to -

Meno mosso

p

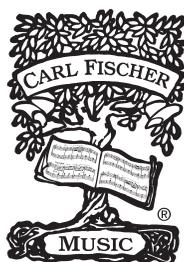
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night. *pp* To - night.

night. *pp* To - night _____

pp

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