

CHRISTMAS KUM BA YA

for S.A.B. voices and piano,
with optional SoundTrax CD*

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL
with new Words and Music by
JAY ALTHOUSE

With a strong pulse (♩ = ca. 76-82)

PIANO

4 SOPRANO
ALTO
BARITONE

5 *p*

See that babe in a man-ger bed, hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu.

7
Gath - er 'round, see him rest his head, hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu.

Detailed description: The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (D major). It begins with a piano introduction of four measures. The vocal parts enter at measure 5. The Soprano part has a rest for the first four measures. The Alto and Baritone parts enter at measure 5 with a piano dynamic. The lyrics are: 'See that babe in a man-ger bed, hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu.' The piano accompaniment features a steady pulse in the bass line and chords in the treble. The score continues with a second vocal entry at measure 7, with lyrics: 'Gath - er 'round, see him rest his head, hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu.' The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

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9

Christ-mas joy in a man-ger bed, hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu.

11

See the lit-tle ba-by,— hal-le-lu.

14

16

Some-one's sleep-ing, Lord, kum ba

cresc. *mp*

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17 *mp*
 Hal-le - lu,
 ya. Some - one's sleep - ing, Lord, kum ba

19
 hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu.
 ya. Some-one's sleep - ing, Lord, kum ba

21
 Hal-le-lu, oh, see the lit-tle ba-by, — kum ba ya.
 ya. Oh, Lord, — kum ba ya.



24 *mf*

M-to-to m-cha - nga do - ga sa - na._____

26

Fu-ra-hi, ki-ko - ra, he is born!

28

M-to-to m-cha - nga do - ga sa - na._____ Oh,

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6

30

see the lit-tle ba-by,— kum ba ya.

f

Some-one's

33

f

See that babe in a man-ger bed, hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu.

sing - ing, Lord, kum ba ya. Some - one's

35

Shout the news as the an - gels said,— hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu.

sing - ing, Lord, kum ba ya. Some-one's

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37

Christ-mas joy in a man - ger bed, hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu.

sing - ing, Lord, kum ba ya. Oh,

39

See the lit - tle ba - by, _____ kum ba ya. _____

Lord, _____ kum ba ya. _____

decresc.

decresc.

decresc.

41

42

mp Hal-le-lu, hal-le - lu.

mp Some - one's sleep - ing, Lord. _____ Some - one's

mp

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44

Hal-le-lu, hal-le - lu. Fu - ra - hi, ki -
sleep-ing, Lord.

47

ko - ra. Mm

Swahili Translation/Pronunciation Guide

M-to-to m-cha-nga do-ga sa-na. (*M-toh-toh m-chahn-ga doh-gah sah-nah.*) A tiny baby.

Fu-ra-hi. (*Foo-rah-hee.*) Rejoice, be glad.

Ki-ko-ra. (*Kee-koh-rah.*) Joy.

