

# And is it true?

Words from 'Christmas'  
by Sir John Betjeman (courtesy John Murray)

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♩. = 40

**Soprano** *p*  
And is - it true? And - is - it true? The

**Alto** *p*  
And is - - it true? -

**Tenor** *p* *pp*  
And is - it true? Is it true? -

**Bass** *p* *pp*  
Is - it true? Is - - - it true? -

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**S** *mp*  
most tre - men - dous tale of all, Seen in a stained glass win - dow's hue, A

**A** *pp*  
Ah, - Ah - - - - -

**T** *pp*

**B** *pp*  
Ah - - - - -

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S  
ba - by in - an ox - 's stall? The ma - ker of the stars - and sea - be -

A  
ah - - - - - The ma - ker of - the stars and sea, be -

T  
8  
A ba - - - by, - ma - ker of the stars - and sea,

B  
ah - A Ba - by, The ma - ker of the stars and sea -

S  
come a child on ear - th for me?

A  
*rall.*  
come - a child - on ear - th for me? - Ah - - - - -

T  
8  
a child on ear - th for me? Ah - - - - -

B  
a child on ear - th for me? Ah - - - - -

*mp* and is it true?  
 No love - that in a fam' - ly dwells, No

A  
 ah - - - - Ah - - - -

T  
 ah - - - - Ah - - - -

B  
 ah - - - - Ah - - - -

*pp*

S  
 Ca - roll - ing in fro - sty air, Nor all the stee - ple sha - king bells Can

A  
 ah - - - - Ah - - - - Ah - - - -

T  
 ah - - - - Ah - - - - Ah - Ah - Ah -

B  
 Ah - - - -

*cresc.*

And is it true?

S  
with - this sim - ple truth - com - pare - That God - was man in Pal - e - stine - and

A  
ah - - - - - That God was man in Pa - le - stine - and

T  
ah - - - - - That God was man in Pa - le - stine and

B  
ah - - - - - God - was man - - - and

*rall*

S  
lives - to - day in bread - and wine \_\_\_\_\_

*rall* *pp*

A  
lives - to - day - in bread and wine, Hmm - in bread and wine. \_\_\_\_\_

*rall* *pp*

T  
lives to - day in bread - and wine, Hmm - in bread - and wine. \_\_\_\_\_

*rall*

B  
lives - in bread and wine. \_\_\_\_\_