

The crown of roses

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Moderato
mf

SOPRANO
ALTO

1. When Je-sus Christ was yet a child He had a—

TENOR
BASS

mf *p* *mf*

p *pp* *mf*

gar - den small and wild, Where-in he cher - ished ro - ses

fair, And wove them in - to gar - lands there. 2. Now

p *mf*

once, — as — sum - mer - time — drew — nigh, — There came — a —

p *mf*

troop of child - ren - by, And see - ing ro - ses on the

tree, With shouts they plucked them mer - ri - ly.

3. 'Do you bind ro - ses in your hair?' They cried, in
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scorn, to Je - sus there. The boy said hum - bly: 'Take, I

pray, All but the naked thorns away.' 4. Then of the

p cresc.

p cresc.

thorns they made a crown, And with rough fingers pressed it

ff

ff

down. Till on his forehead fair and young Red drops of

p cresc.

ff

p cresc.

ff

blood like roses sprung.

like roses sprung, like roses sprung.

p

p

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