

Vocal score (for three women)
with piano reduction

Never Before

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Composer's note: This piece was written for myself and two other women to sing a capella at a lessons and carols service. The text came out of meditating on the Magnificat (see Luke 1:46-55).

No dynamics are indicated on the score, but should be considered based on the text and the feel of the music. Listen to the recording for a wonderful example of a "lead vocalist" (on the top line) shaping the text. The vocalists on the recording are Kate McGarry (lead), myself (middle voice), and Julie Hardy (bottom voice).

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$\text{♩} = 63$

The an-gel said the Lord is with me: The
 an-gel said the Lord is with me:
 an-gel said the Lord is with me:

Pno.

5 **A**

Lord is with me in a way he's nev-er been be-fore. His
 Lord is with me way nev-er been be-fore.
 Lord is with me way nev-er been be-fore.

Pno.

11

Spir - it is my lov - er, his Son shall fill my womb with
 Spir - it is my lov - er, Son shall fill my womb
 Spir - it is my lov - er, Son shall fill my womb

Pno.

15

hol - i - ness and joy and with life.

hol - i - ness joy

hol - i - ness joy

Pno.

19

that I can feel kick-ing at my in - sides. The

and with life I feel kick-ing at my in - sides.

and with life I feel kick-ing at my in - sides.

Pno.

25 **B**

Lord will stay with me in a way he's nev-er stayed be-fore.

Lord will stay with me way nev-er stayed be-fore.

Lord will stay with me way nev-er stayed be-fore.

Pno.