

# Christus Salvator Natus Est.

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of staves. The first system begins with the tempo marking *Con spirito* and the dynamic *f*. The lyrics are: "Chris - tus Sal - va - tor na - tus est, The Word of Words in". The second system continues with the lyrics: "flesh con - fest, Yet no man knows, save they who keep Their". The third system includes the tempo marking *ritard.* and the dynamic *ff*. The lyrics are: "vig - il with the sil - ly sheep. Chris - tus Sal - va - tor". The fourth system includes the tempo marking *ritard.* and the dynamic *ff*. The lyrics are: "na - tus est! Chris - tus, Sal - va - tor na - tus est". The score concludes with a double bar line.

(The small notes are for stanzas 3 and 5.)

- 2 Christus Salvator natus est,  
A little child on Mary's breast.  
O Wisemen three, is this your King,  
Of Jesse's rod the blossoming?
- 3 Christus Salvator natus est,  
Foxes have holes, and birds their nest;  
But David's Son, in David's town,  
Must with the ox and ass lie down.
- 4 Christus Salvator natus est,  
From farthest east to farthest west,  
Is there no place for His sweet head,  
Save in that graceless manger-bed?
- 5 Christus Salvator natus est,  
O dear and long expected guest;  
Prepared and furnished is Thy room,  
Enter and make my heart Thy home.



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