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# Mary's Child

Norman Nicholson (1914–87)

BOB CHILCOTT

**Gently lyrical** ♩ = c.56

**FLUTE**  
*(optional)*

**SOPRANO**  
**ALTO**

**TENOR**  
**BASS**

Ma - ry laid her Child a - mong the brack - en fronds of night, And night, And

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by the glim - mer round His head All the barn was lit.

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Ma - ry held her Child a - bove the mi - ry,\* fro - zen farm, And

*mp* *p*

Ma - ry held her Child a - bove the mi - ry,\* fro - zen, fro - zen farm,

Ma - ry held her Child a - bove the mi - ry,\* fro - zen farm,

*mp*

Ma - ry held her Child, the fro - zen farm,

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by the fire with - in His limbs The rest - ing roots were warm, were

*p*

with - in His limbs The rest - ing roots were warm,

*p*

\* miry = boggy