

## 98. The crown of roses

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**Moderato**

SOPRANO  
ALTO

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

TENOR  
BASS

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small and wild, Where-in he cher-ished ro-ses fair, And wove them

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in - to gar-lands there. 2. Now once, as sum-mer-time drew

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nigh, There came a troop of child-ren by, And see-ing

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ro-ses on the tree, With shouts they plucked them mer-ri-ly.

33 *mf*

3. 'Do you bind ro - ses in your hair?' They cried, in scorn, to  
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*f*

*mf*

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Je - sus there. The boy said hum - bly: 'Take, I pray, All but the

*pp*

*pp*

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na - ked thorns a - way.' 4. Then of the thorns they made a crown, And

*p cresc.*

*ff*

*p cresc.*

*ff*

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with rough fin - gers pressed it down, Till on his fore - head fair and

*p cresc.*

*p cresc.*

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young Red drops of blood like ro - ses sprung.

*ff*

*p*

*ff*

*p*

like ro - ses sprung, like ro - ses sprung.