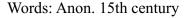
David Sadler

I sing of a maiden

Carol for SATB voices

I sing of a maiden







Brief notes about the text and performance:

Most old spellings have been modernised. 'Kings' replaces 'kinges', 'still' and 'April' displace 'stille' and 'Aprille', and 'grass' is substituted for 'gras'.

'Makeless' means 'matchless' or 'priceless', 'a' to sound as in 'father'.

Ches' is an old spelling of 'chose'.

Some versions of the poem have 'There' instead of 'Where' in verse 2.

'Bower' and 'flower' in verse 3 should be sung as one syllable - 'bow'r' and 'flow'r' rather than the two syllables as in speech.

In any performance there should be a sense of the gentle two-beat flow throughout, as well as expression in which there is a discernible sense of awe at this miraculous birth.

