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About the piece

Title: The Ilminster Thorn
Composer: Barrett, Ginny
Arranger: Tim Ravalde
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Instrumentation: Choral SATB
Style: Religious - Sacred
Comment: Christmas

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The Ilminster Thorn

Lyrics
James Simpson

Melody Ginny Barrett
arr. Tim Ravalde

GRAFFHAM CM

1. The haw - thorn is a bawn - ing tree that bloss - oms bright in May but

5 when our meek - ling babe ap - pears it flowers on Christ - mas day.

2. The fox was first with down soft brow,
Then ox with steaming side
And all the beasts from near and far,
Came to our Christ's bedside.
3. For Christ was born 'mongst dairy straw
With creatures huddled round
The Dorset ewes and spright jackdaw,
The stubble hare and hound.
4. When snow is drifting, piled hedge high,
Before sweet Christmas morn,
We'll dance along those snow packed heights
To the dairy soft and warm.
- *5. We'll go gathering milk and cream
The night that Christ is born,
Oh we'll go gathering milk and cream
With the flowering of the thorn.
6. Now each and every Christmas night
They stir in flock and sty
And journey quiet to Christ's thorn tree
'Cross drifts and kindling sky.
7. So, Gloria in Excelsis!
This night when light is born,
From cockle wren to seven tine stag,
At the flowering of the thorn.

*omit first beat for verse five