

THE BURT FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLS



ABBIE BETINIS



In a Far Judean City

Carol 2001



(SATB)



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In 1922, Rev. Bates G. Burt, a self-taught musician, began composing Christmas carols and sending them as seasonal greeting cards to his friends, family, and parishioners. In 1942, he passed the job of composing the music to his son, Alfred Burt, a jazz trumpeter who had just received his music degree from the University of Michigan. The father-son team produced five carols together before Bates' death in 1948. Alfred Burt went on to write a total of fifteen Christmas carols, including the popular "*Caroling, Caroling*," and "*Some Children See Him*," made famous originally by the Voices of Jimmy Joyce and now recorded by artists all over the world. Since 2001, Abbie Burt Betinis has been continuing this family tradition begun so long ago by Bates, her great-grandfather. Each new carol uses a text relating somehow to the Burt family tradition. "*In a Far Judean City*" takes its text from a carol Bates G. Burt wrote in 1933 and sent that year as his Christmas greeting.

In a Far Judean City

Christmas 2001

Bates G. Burt, 1930

Abbie Betinis

Gently, expressively

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

In a far Ju-de-an ci-ty, When the night is bleak and wild, In a
Heav'n on high with song is ring-ing, But with-in this cat-tle shed Sweet-er

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sta-ble, ah, the pi-ty! Ma-ry sings to her Child: "Lul-la-
far is Mar-y's sing-ing At her Babe's man-ger-bed.

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