

# Drew Morton

## MUSIC

## Music for Choirs

### *'The Spirit of Christmas'*

*SATB unaccompanied*

The image shows a page of a musical score for the piece 'The Spirit of Christmas'. The score is for SATB voices and is unaccompanied. The title 'The Spirit of Christmas' is at the top, with the composer 'Howard Thurman' and arranger 'Andrew E. Morton' listed. The score is in 3/4 time and features lyrics in four parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The lyrics describe the quietude of Christmas morning and the beginning of the work of Christmas.

The Revd Howard Thurman was an influential American pastor and theologian, and a mentor of Dr. Martin Luther King. His words have a resonance for a world in which altruism and generosity of spirit are often in short supply. Their meaning and their natural rhythm were the spur for this composition.

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart.*