

## 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

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

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

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

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

49 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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39 *pp*

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

*pp*

62 46 *p cresc.* *ff*

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

*p cresc.* *ff*

53 *p cresc.*

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

*p cresc.*

60 *ff* *p*

young Red drops of — blood — like ro - ses sprung —

*ff* *p*

like ro - ses sprung, like ro - ses sprung —