

# Suncoast Chapter Holds "Share-An-Idea" Session

In January the Suncoast Chapter of the Choristers Guild (greater Tampa, Clearwater, St. Petersburg area) held an "every-member-share-an-idea" meeting. Several excellent teaching charts, suggestions on increasing choir membership, and general hints were presented by those attending. Harryette Williams brought an anthem that she composed and used during Advent with the Songsters (grades 2-5) of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Largo, Florida. At the family service on Christmas Eve the Sunday School led the congregation in singing "Manger Song" during the Offertory. In many churches the creche scene is begun on Advent I and various figures and animals are added on Advent II, III, and IV. This little anthem is particularly appropriate for that.

## Manger Song

Com - ing to the man-ger, com - ing to the man - ger. We are  
com - ing to the man - ger, we are com - ing, Lord, to you. Take our  
hearts and take our hands and let us give our love to you. — *Fine*  
Com - ing to the man-ger, com - ing to the man-ger.  
You are just a lit - tle ba-by; — yet you come to be our King. — We  
love you lit - tle Ba - by Je - sus, and with the an - gels sing — *D.C. al Fine*

Accompaniment suggestion on Measure 1 - 16:

Glockenspiel:

Finger cymbal:

Autoharp on measure 17-24:

F	/		C	/		G	/		C	/
F	/		C	/		D	/		G <sup>7</sup>	/

Of course, any accompaniment (choir chimes, other bourdon patterns, flute) continuing the "coming to the manger" as an ostinato can be used.