The crown of roses

(Legend)

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Arr. by the composer for chorus in 1889

Moderato

Soprano

1. When Je-sus Christ was yet a child
He had a gar-den small and wild,
Where-in he cher-ish ed roses fair,
And wove them in-to gar-lands there.

Alto

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Tenor

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Bajo

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child- ren by, And see- ing roses on the tree, With shouts they plucked them

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mer- ri- ly. 3. «Do you bind roses in your hair?» They cried, in

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scorn, to Je- sus there. The boy said hum- bly: «Take, I pray,
All but the naked thorns away. 4. Then of the thorns they made a crown, and with rough fingers pressed it down, Till on his forehead fair and young Red drops of blood like roses sprung.

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