

# The crown of roses

(Legend)

Arr. by the composer for chorus in 1889

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

**Moderato**  
*mf* *p* *mf* *p*

Soprano  
1. When Je-sus Christ was yet a child He had a gar - den small and

Alto  
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Tenor  
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Bajo  
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8 *pp* *pp*

wild, Where-in he cher - ished ro - ses fair, And wove them in - to gar - lands

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16 *mf* *p* *mf*

there. 2. Now once, as sum - mer-time drew nigh, There came a troop of

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*p* *pp* *pp*

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

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

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*f* *f* *f* *f*

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

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*pp* *pp* *pp* *pp*

scorn, to Je - sus there. The boy said hum - bly: «Take, I pray,

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*pp* All but the na - ked thorns a - way». *p* 4. Then of the thorns they made a

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*ff* crown, and with rough fin - gers pressed it down, *p* Till on his fore - head fair and

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*ff* crown, and with rough fin - gers pressed it down, *p* Till on his fore - head fair and

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*ff* young Red drops of blood *p* like ro - ses sprung.

*ff* young Red drops of blood *p* like ro - ses sprung.

*ff* young Red drops of blood *p* like ro - ses sprung.

*ff* young Red drops of blood, *p* like ro - ses sprung, *p* like ro - ses sprung.