

CHILD OF THE POOR

VERSES *Slowly* (♩ = ca. 98)

Melody *mp* Em G D

1. Help - less and hun - gry, low - ly, a - fraid,
 2. Who is the strang - er here in our midst,
 3. Bring all the thirst - y, all who seek peace;

Counter-melody *mp*

1. What child is this, _____ who, laid to rest, _____ On
 2. Why lies he in _____ such mean es - tate _____ Where
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, _____ Come

Em Am/C B Em G

1. wrapped in the chill of mid - win - ter; comes now a - mong us,
 2. look - ing for shel - ter a - mong us? Who is the out - cast?
 3. bring those with noth - ing to of - fer. Strength - en the fee - ble,

1. Ma - ry's lap _____ is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet _____ with
 2. ox and ass _____ are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: _____ for
 3. peas - ant, king, _____ to own _____ him; The King of kings _____ sal -

D D#°7 Em Am/C B Esus4 *cresc.* Em *mf*

1. born in - to pov - er - ty's em - brace, new life for the world.
 2. Who do we see a - mid the poor, the chil - dren of God?
 3. say to the fright - ened heart: "Fear not: & here is your God!" *cresc.*

1. an - thems sweet, _____ While shep - herds watch _____ are keep - ing? _____
 2. sin - ners here _____ The si - lent Word _____ is plead - ing. _____
 3. va - tion brings, _____ Let lov - ing hearts _____ en - throne him. _____

Note: *Child of the Poor* may be performed with *What Child Is This* in the following manner:

Child of the Poor, verse 1, followed by *What Child Is This*, verse 1; *Child of the Poor*, verse 2, followed by *What Child Is This*, verse 2; both songs performed simultaneously on verse 3.

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REFRAIN

G D C

Who is this who lives with the low - ly, shar - ing their sor - rows,

mf

— This, this — is Christ the King, — Whom shep - herds

Am/C B G *cresc.* D *dim.* D#°7

know-ing their hun-ger? This is Christ, re-vealed to the world in the eyes of a

cresc. *dim.*

guard — and an - gels sing; Haste, haste — to bring him laud, — the

Em Am/C B Em Cmaj7 D Em

mp

child, a child of the poor.

mp

babe, — the son — of Ma - ry.