

CHILD OF THE POOR

Verses: *Slowly* (♩ = ca. 98)

Melody mp

1. Help-less and hun-gry, low-ly he lies,
 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

1. wrapped in the chill of mid-win-ter;
 2. look - ing for shel - ter a - mong us?
 3. bring those with noth - ing to of - fer.

1. Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom
 2. ox - and ass - are feed - ing? Good
 3. peas - ant, king, to own him; The

1. comes now a - mong us, born in - to pov - er - ty's em -
 2. Who is the out - cast? Who do we see a - mid the
 3. Strength-en the fee - ble, say to the fright-ened heart: "Fear

1. an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While
 2. Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The
 3. King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let

Note: *Child of the Poor* may be sung 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 sung simultaneously on Verse 3.

CHILD OF THE POOR, cont. (2)

Refrain

cresc. *mf*

1. brace, new life for the world. }
 2. poor, the chil-dren of God? } Who is this who lives with the
 3. not: here is your God!" }

cresc. *mf*

1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing? }
 2. si - lent Word is plead - ing. } This, this is
 3. lov - ing hearts en - throne him. }

low - ly, shar - ing their sor - rows, know - ing their hun - ger?

Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels

cresc. *dim.*

This is Christ, re - vealed to the world in the eyes of a

cresc. *dim.*

sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, the

mp

child, a child of the poor.

mp

babe, the son of Ma - ry.

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 William C. Dix, 1837-1898.
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 trad. English Melody, 16th cent.