

CHILD OF THE POOR

VERSES *Slowly* (♩ = ca. 98)

Melody

Em G D Em Am/C

1. Help-less and hun - gry, low - ly he lies, wrapped in the chill of mid-
 2. Who is the strang - er here in our midst, look - ing for shel - ter a -
 3. Bring all the thirst - y, all who seek peace; bring those with noth - ing to

Counter-melody

1. What child is this, — who, laid to rest, — On Ma - ry's lap — is
 2. Why lies he in — such mean es - tate — Where ox and ass — are
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, — Come peas - ant, king, — to

Keyboard

mp

B Em G D D#°7

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

1. sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet — with an - thems sweet, — While
 2. feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: — for sin - ners here — The
 3. own — him; The King of kings — sal - va - tion brings, — Let

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

Em Am/C B Esus4 Em G

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!" }

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

cresc. *mf*

D C Am/C B

low - ly, shar - ing their sor - rows, know - ing their hun - ger? This is
 Christ the King, _____ Whom shep - herds guard _____ and an - gels sing;

G D D#°7 Em Am/C B

Christ, re - vealed to the world in the eyes of a child, a child of the
 Haste, haste _____ to bring him laud, _____ the babe, _____ the son _____ of

cresc. *dim.* *mp*

Em Cmaj7 D Em

poor.

Ma - ry.