

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.

In Verse 1, the words "lowly, afraid" have been updated by the composer to "lowly he lies."

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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?
 3. not: here is your God!" } Who is this who lives with the

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

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.

Ma - ry.