

## 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. } Who is this who lives with the  
 2. poor, the chil-dren of God? }  
 3. not: ‡ here is your God!" }

*cresc.* *mf*

1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing? } This, this is  
 2. si - lent Word is plead - ing. }  
 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* 2

child, a child of the poor.

*mp* 2

babe, the son of Ma - ry.

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