

# CHILD OF THE POOR

VERSES *Slowly* (♩ = ca. 98)

Melody *mp* Em G D

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

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 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.

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## REFRAIN

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.