

Composer Notes

Even though this spiritual has traditionally been sung at Christmas, I never thought the original words had much to do with Christmas, except for the phrase “The little, bitty baby born in Bethlehem.” The changes we have made to the text more clearly reflect the wonderful events surrounding the birth of Jesus. Our young people’s choir not only sings this spiritual enthusiastically, but also uses signs and gestures throughout. A demonstration of these signs and gestures will be found in the new *Hi God Gesture Book 2* to be published by OCP. We tried to remain true to the original melody of the song, not the melody that has been popularized. The B-flat on “how” of “How shall I send thee?” is the original note. The D-flat (which many use as the melody) is used as a harmony note in verses four and five. We have used this song in our pre-Mass program of carols at our Christmas Eve family liturgy. It can also be used as a Communion meditation.

Liturgical Use: communion meditation/pre-Mass Christmas Eve song

Catechetical Use: It is a joyous song for children to sing in Christmas programs and in prayer services at Christmas

—*Carey Landry*

Children, Go Where I Send Thee

Refrain and Verse 1: Spiritual
Verses 2–6 by Carey Landry

Spiritual
Arranged by Carey Landry and John Guarino

INTRO (♩ = ca. 134)

Capo 1: (D) Eb (G) Ab (D) Eb (C/D) D/Eb (D) Eb

Keyboard

REFRAIN/VERSE 6

Melody

(Refrain) Chil - dren, go _____ where I send _____ thee. _____
(Verse 6) Let us sing _____ al - le - lu - ia! _____

Harmony (Refrain)

Harmony (Verse 6)

6. Al - le - lu - ia! _____

(G) (D) VERSES (G) (D)
Ab Eb Ab Eb

How shall I send thee? _

6. Sing al - le - lu - ia! _

1. I'm gon-na send thee _ one by one: _ to E
2. I'm gon-na send thee _ two by two: _ to D
3. I'm gon-na send thee _ three by three: _ to C
4. I'm gon-na send thee _ four by four: _ to B
5. I'm gon-na send thee _ five by five: _ to A
6. Sing al - le - lu - ia _ one and all! _ to A

Harmony (Refrain)

How shall I send thee? _

Harmony (Verse 6)

6. _ Al - le - lu - ia! _ one and all! _ to A

(A) (G) (D) (B) (G) (D)
Ab Eb Ab Eb

Melody

(5.) five for the choir of _ an - gels; (4.) four for the low - ly _ shep - herds;
6. Sing for the choir of _ an - gels! Sing for the low - ly _ shep - herds!

Harmony

C (G)
A \flat (D)
E \flat D (G)
A \flat (D)
E \flat E (G)
A \flat

(3.) three for the ho - ly — wise men; (2.) two for Ma-ry and — Jo-seph; (1.) one for the lit-tle bit-ty
 6. Sing for the ho - ly — wise men! Sing for Ma-ry and — Jo-seph! Sing for the lit-tle bit-ty

(D)
E \flat (G)
A \flat (D)
E \flat (C/D)
D \flat /E \flat (D)
E \flat 1-5: *D.S.*

1-6. ba - by was born, born, — born in Beth - le - hem. ———

1-6. ba - by was, ba - by was, ba - by was born in Beth - le - hem. ———

1-5: *D.S.*

Final

(G) (D) (C/D) (D)
A \flat E \flat D \flat /E \flat E \flat

6. Je - sus was born, _____ born in Beth - le - hem, _____

2nd time sing cue note

6. Je - sus was, Je - sus was born, Je - sus was

Final

(C/D) (D)
D \flat /E \flat E \flat

born in Beth - le - hem! _____

born in Beth - le - hem! _____

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SOLO INSTRUMENT I & II

Spiritual
Arranged by John Guarino

INTRO (♩ = ca. 134)

I Flute

II Oboe

REFRAIN/VERSE 6

(Refrain) Chil-dren, go
(Verse 6) Let us sing

VERSES 1-6 1: to E, 2: to D, 3: to C, **A** **B**
4: to B, 5-6: to A

1-5. I'm gon-na send (5.) five (4.) four
6. Let us ___ sing Sing Sing

C **D** **E**

(3.) three (2.) two (1.) one for the lit-tle bit-ty
6. Sing Sing Sing for the lit-tle bit-ty

1-5: D.S.


Final

Assembly Edition

CHILDREN, GO WHERE I SEND THEE


Spiritual
Arranged by Carey Landry

Refrain/Verse 6




(Refrain) Chil-dren, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?
(Verse 6) Let us sing al-le-lu-ia! Sing al-le-lu-ia!

Verses




1. I'm gon-na send thee one by one: to E
2. I'm gon-na send thee two by two: to D
3. I'm gon-na send thee three by three: to C
4. I'm gon-na send thee four by four: to B
5. I'm gon-na send thee five by five: to A
6. Sing al-le-lu-ia one and all! to A

A B




(5.) five for the choir of an-gels; (4.) four for the low-ly shep-herds;
6. Sing for the choir of an-gels! Sing for the low-ly shep-herds!

C D




(3.) three for the ho-ly wise men; (2.) two for Ma-ry and Jo-seph;
6. Sing for the ho-ly wise men! Sing for Ma-ry and Jo-seph!

E




(1.) one for the lit-tle bit-ty ba-by was born,
6. Sing for the lit-tle bit-ty

1-5: to Refrain/Verse 6




1-6. born, born in Beth-le-hem.

Final



6. Je-sus was born, born in Beth-le-hem,



6. born in Beth-le-hem!

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