

# CHILD OF THE POOR

VERSES *Slowly* (♩ = ca. 98)

Em G D Em Am/C

Melody

1. Help-less and hun-gry, low-ly, a-fraid, 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

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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;

*p* *mp*

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*

CHILD OF THE POOR, cont. (3)

The musical score is set in the key of D major (one sharp) and consists of four measures. The vocal line is written in a single treble clef staff. The piano accompaniment is written in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are: "poor. Ma - ry."

Chord progression: Em, Cmaj7, D, Em.

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SOLO INSTRUMENT

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REFRAIN

7

*mf*

*mp*

1 to Verses Final Fine

VERSE 2

*mp*

*D.S.*

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