

CHILD OF THE POOR / WHAT CHILD IS THIS

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.

Refrain



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!" }



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



This is Christ, re - vealed to the world in the eyes of a



sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, the



child, a child of the poor.



babe, the son of Ma - ry.