

# Behold a little Child

Robert Brown Borthwick (1840 - 1894)

**VOICES**

1. Be - hold a lit - tle Child Laid in a man - ger bed,

**PEDALS (if accompanied)**

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The win - try blasts blow wild A - round His in - fant head.

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But who is this so low - ly laid? 'Tis He by whom the worlds were made.

2. Alas! in what poor state  
The Son of God is seen;  
Why doth the Lord so great  
Chose out a home so mean?  
That we may learn from pride to flee,  
And follow His humility.

3. Where Joseph plies his trade,  
Lo! Jesus labours too;  
The hands that all things made  
An earthly craft pursue,  
That weary men on Him may rest,  
And faithful toil in Him to blest.

4. Among the doctors see  
The Boy so full of grace;  
Say, wherefore taketh He  
The scholar's lowly place?  
That Christian boys with reverence meet  
May sit and learn at Jesus' feet.

5. Christ! once Thyself a boy,  
Our boyhood guard and guide;  
Be Thou its light and joy,  
And still with us abide;  
That Thy dear love, so great, so free,  
May draw us evermore to Thee.

(Source: Carols old and carols new, Boston, 1916)