

God's dear Son

Traditional

* *mf* 1. God's dear Son, with - out be - gin - ning, Whom the wick - ed Jews did scorn; The *p* §

The first system of musical notation for the song. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords. A dynamic marking of *mf* is placed above the first measure, and a *p* marking is above the final measure. A section marker § is also present at the end of the system.

on - ly wise, with - out all sin - ning, On this bless - ed day was born: To *ff*

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with quarter notes D5, E5, F5, and G5. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. A dynamic marking of *ff* is placed above the final measure.

save us all from sin and thrall, When we in Sa - tan's chains were bound; And *mf*

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with quarter notes G4, F4, E4, and D4. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. A dynamic marking of *mf* is placed above the final measure.

shed His blood to do us good With many a pur - ple bleed - ing wound.

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with quarter notes C4, B3, A3, and G3. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The system ends with a double bar line.

* This chord will be required for verses 3 and 4

§ This chord must be omitted in verses 2, 3, 5 and 6

2. Bethlehem, King David's city,
Birth-place of that Babe we find,
God and Man, endued with pity,
And the Saviour of mankind:
Yet Jewry land, with cruel hand,
Both first and last His power denied,
When He was born they did Him scorn,
And shewed Him malice when He died.
3. No princely palace for our Saviour
In Judea could be found,
But sweet Mary's meek behaviour
Patiently upon the ground
Her Babe did place, in vile disgrace,
Where oxen in their stalls did feed;
No midwife mild had this sweet Child,
Nor woman's help at mother's need.
4. No kingly robes nor golden treasure
Decked the birth-day of God's Son;
No pompous train at all took pleasure
To the King of kings to run;
No mantle brave could Jesus have
Upon His cradle cold to lie;
No music's charms in nurse's arms
To sing that Babe a lullaby.
5. Yet, as Mary sat in solace
By our Saviour's cradle side,
Hosts of Angels from God's Palace,
Singing sweet through Heaven so wide;
Yea, Heaven and earth, at Jesu's Birth,
With sweet melodious tunes abound;
And every thing to Jewry's King,
Through all the world gives cheerful sound.
6. Now to Him that hath redeemed us
By His Death on holy Rood,
And as sinners so esteemed us,
As to buy us with His Blood,
Yield lasting fame, that still the Name
Of Jesus may be honoured here;
And let us say that Christmas Day
Is still the best day in the year.