

# Once in Bethlehem of Judah

Traditional

SOLO VOICE OR VOICES vv. 1, 3, 5 & 7.

*mp*

1. Once in Beth - le - hem of Ju - dah, Far a - way a - cross the sea, There was laid a

6 *Slower ritard.* **CHORUS** *Full after each verse*

lit - tle Ba - by On a Vir - gin Moth - er's knee. *f* Sav - iour, gentle Sa - viour!

11

Hear Thy chil - dren sing, The God of our sal - va - tion, The Child that is our

16 *Fine* SOLO VOICE. vv. 2, 4, 6.

King. 2. It was not a state - ly pal - ace Where that lit - tle Ba - by lay,

21 *pp Slower rit. e dim. D.S.*

With His ser - vants to at - tend Him, And with guards so keep the way.

TREBLES, FULL.

3. But the oxen stood around Him  
In a stable low and dim:  
In the world He had created  
There was not a room for Him.

ALL

Saviour, gentle Saviour! &c.

BASSES, FULL.

4. For He left His Father's glory,  
And the golden halls above,  
And He took our human nature  
In the greatness of His love.

ALL

Saviour, gentle Saviour! &c.

TREBLE SOLO.

5. Of His infinite compassion,  
He can feel our want and woe,  
For He suffered, He was tempted,  
When He lived our life below.

ALL

Saviour, gentle Saviour! &c.

BASS SOLO.

6. Still His childhood's bright example  
Gives a light to our poor homes;  
From the Blood of His atoning  
Still our hope of pardon comes.

ALL

Saviour, gentle Saviour! &c.

TREBLES, FULL.

7. Still He stands and pleads in Heaven  
For us, weak and sin-defiled;  
God, Who is a Man for ever,  
Jesus, Who was once a Child

ALL

Saviour, gentle Saviour!

Hear Thy Children sing,

The God of our salvation,

The Child that is our King.

Amen.