ACHILD, KING

Celebrating the Son of the Father's Love

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Foreword

What makes a story a good story?

Interesting characters we can identify with is an excellent start. Some intriguing dialog or conversation between these characters is another important inclusion. Insight into what these characters are actually thinking, or what motivates their actions, is always a fascinating component. And if we can picture in our minds the location of the story – where it all takes place – well, that's another engrossing feature.

Then, of course, there's the plot line itself; the very reason we're telling, or listening to, the story in the first place. When a dilemma is presented, a decision made, an action taken, and a conflict resolved, we find ourselves engaged, caught up in....the story.

And that's why we love the story of Christmas. Not legends of elves (ancient or modern), or of animals (flying or otherwise), or even of inanimate objects like snowmen or nutcrackers, but the Christmas story; the one where the Author actually takes on the leading role, seeing the predicament and resolving the conflict in the most unimaginable way. This story speaks to our hearts in such a way that we arrange practically our entire calendar around celebrating it. But most of all, we love this story because it's true.

The Christmas story is one of hope, peace, joy, and love. It's a story of the infinite touching the finite with exquisite timing in the perfect location. On first reading it, we might be tempted to think that it's only Israel's story. But in reality, it's <u>our</u> story.

Only an omniscient God could clearly see our desperate need. Only a compassionate God could provide an answer. And only a loving God would send His Son, a Savior.

-Marty Parks

Production Notes

A Child, a King is flexibly conceived for Advent and/or Christmas programming. The individual anthems may be presented during the weeks leading up to Christmas, or the entire cantata may be performed as a whole in a single worship experience, depending on programming needs. Small and large choirs alike will find the choral writing appealing and versatile. Accompaniment options ranging from piano only to full orchestra with CD accompaniment or live instruments ensures maximum flexibility for your unique programming needs.

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O Come, Emmanuel!

Words by Charles Wesley and Marty Parks

Arranged by Marty Parks
Tune: HYFRYDOL
by Rowland H. Prichard



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Narration 1

This is a story of hope and love. This is a story of peace and joy. More than just a legend, this is an account of how God, over 2,000 years ago, invaded the earth at just the right time, in just the right place. This is the saga of a people crying out for a Messiah, a Redeemer. This is Israel's story. This is <u>our</u> story. (music begins)

Only an omniscient God could clearly see our desperate need. Only a compassionate God could provide an answer. And only a loving God would send His Son, a Savior.

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Son of the Father's Love



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Narration 2

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord chose to make His entrance among us in the most unlikely way. He was born to peasants and first announced to the lowly and the outcast ... simple shepherds. In time, inquisitive seekers from a distant country would be compelled to search diligently for Him, led only by a brilliant star. And it was their recognition of Him as King of the Jews that rightly proclaimed His authority and His deity. (music begins)

And so, they came – the neglected and the esteemed, the poor and the wealthy, all to marvel at this incredible sight. They came to behold the mystery of the incarnate God now among them. And just like them, we join their proclamation: Noel! Born is the King!

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The First Noel

Words: Traditional English Carol Arranged by Marty Parks
Tune: THE FIRST NOEL
from W. Sandys' Christmas Carols, 1833



















Narration 3

(music begins) And so, as all of heaven watched in amazement, the only begotten Son of the Father's love stepped into the realm of space and time. Not accompanied by a regal fanfare or a noisy decree; and not with a royal procession in the bustling cacophony of Jerusalem. But quietly, and barely noticed, in the tiny village of Bethlehem.



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Bethlehem Song

Words by **Phillips Brooks** and **Nahum Tate**

Music by Marty Parks



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As Lately We Watched



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Narration 4

How mysterious are the ways of God; how unsearchable His thoughts and how miraculous His plans. But on the night when Christ was born, His arrival was a straight-forward declaration to ancient Israel. And even today it is an unmistakeable message to us: "I have seen you, I have heard your cry, and I have come to rescue you, walk among you, to be one of you." A pronouncement such as this – a promise, now fulfilled – was not intended for the religiously satisfied or the spiritually indifferent. (*music begins*)

Then, and now, it is a message of hope and redemption for the poor, the humble, all those whose hearts are wounded, and whose spirits are broken.

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Poverty Carol

Words: Traditional Welsh Carol Translated by **Katherine E. Roberts** Arranged by **Marty Parks**Traditional Welsh Carol



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Narration 5

(music begins) Jesus. To the aimless and confused, He is a Wonderful Counselor. To the weak and powerless, He is a Mighty God. To the orphan, all alone in the world, He is an Everlasting Father. And to those at war with their surroundings – or with themselves – He is a Prince of Peace.



God with Us, Emmanuel

Words and Music by **Marty Parks**

















Narration 6

(music begins) So come, all who are poor and humble. Come joyfully and triumphantly. Come see a simple manger that cradles the King of heaven and the Lord of the earth. Gloriously impossible and beautifully indescribable. Come with celebration and rejoicing! Come, behold and adore Him – Jesus, the Son of the Father's love!



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Finale

O Come, All Ye Faithful Son of the Father's Love

Arranged by Marty Parks





*Words: Latin Hymn, attr. to John F. Wade;

Music: ADESTE FIDELES from John Wade's Cantus Diversi, 1751

















*Words and Music by **Marty Parks** 65/2100L-77







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