



Looking For An Infant King

Christmas Songs for Children

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Aim

We wrote these songs to be fun, true to the Bible, and true to the meaning of Christmas.

The original use was for a “rock nativity” in our weekly children / teens groups. With simple readings in between songs, the nativity story is told in a way that is enjoyable but requires little preparation.

Fast Forward puts the nativity in context, speaking of Jesus’ ministry, death, ascension, and return, and it may be used to introduce a brief epilogue if required.

The first and last songs are the same to make sure the set goes off with a bang!

Sheet Music

The sheet music provided is for guidance – feel free to adapt according to the musical skills at your disposal. We were blessed with a violin-playing teenager in our group which worked beautifully on Jesus is His Name and added to the atmosphere for Try Next Door.

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About Us

Darren Jones is the pastor at Matheson Evangelical Church in Bromborough, Wirral. Daniel is Darren’s youngest son. They wrote the songs in partnership in late 2013 for use at the children & teens groups at Matheson.

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1. Christmas, Christmas, Christmas

This is a very up-beat song to open with, and the introduction of bells and shakers for the final singing closes the songs with a bang.

Christmas, Christmas, Christmas
Joy to all the world
Jesus has been born
For every boy and girl!

Christmas, Christmas, Christmas
All the girls and lads
Jesus born for all
Even mums and dads

*It's Christmas time again
Jesus born in Bethlehem
Saviour of the world
Friend to every boy and girl*

2. Jesus is his name

The songs are paced to build in energy; this is a sweet song reflecting the amazing moment the angel Gabriel told Mary the news she was to bear God's Son.

Mary, Mary, Mary
I've got some extraordinary
News to give to you today

You're such an honoured lady
You're gonna have a baby
Listen to what I have to say

*The Son of God
The King will reign
Jesus is his name
The Son of God
The King will reign
Jesus is his name*

Mary, Mary, Mary
I know it seems quite scary
To think you'll be a special mum

Although you are so lowly
And God is great and holy
He's chosen you to bear his only Son

*The Son of God
The King will reign
Jesus is his name
The Son of God
The King will reign
Jesus is his name*

3. Try next door

This is a country & western style song. The main part of the verse is spoken, ideally in an American accent if you're brave enough! Think Johnny Cash (if you're old enough!). The "Try next door" part is to be sung by everybody, along with the chorus.

Now Mary and Joe came to Bethlehem
And they walked around till they found an inn
But the innkeeper had to tell them, "*Try next door*"

They tried some houses after the inn
They were all full up - some census thing
And all they kept on hearing was, "*Try next door*"

*Try next door, Mary and Joe
Keep hunting high and low
We're sure you'll find just the place real soon
Try next door, Mary and Joe
Don't you ever give up hope
This saviour child will get the perfect room*

Mary and Joe really needed a room
This baby was going to be coming out soon
But every place they went said, "*Try next door*"

Mary and Joe look hard all around
Bethlehem was not a big town
And every door they knocked said, "*Try next door*"

*Try next door, Mary and Joe
Keep hunting high and low
We're sure you'll find just the place real soon
Try next door, Mary and Joe
Don't you ever give up hope
This saviour child will get the perfect room*

So Mary and Joe went back to the inn
And the innkeeper said, "Well, here's the thing:
I know that all you've heard is, '*Try next door*'

I've got a little stable, nice and warm
Not much of a place for a king to be born
But walk this way and step through *the back door.*"

*Try next door, Mary and Joe
Keep hunting high and low
We're sure you'll find just the place real soon
Try next door, Mary and Joe
Don't you ever give up hope
This saviour child will get the perfect room*

4. Glory to God

This song plays with a steady rock beat (think Status Quo).
The chorus contrasts with the verse to give a mental image of a sky filled with angels – the rock beat gives way to a rich, expansive sound...

There were shepherds out in the fields
Making sure their sheep were alright
An angel in the sky appeared
And gave them all a terrible fright
He said, “No need to be terrified
Even though I am up here in the sky
I’ve got some great news for you all
We’re here to tell you that the Saviour is born!”

*Glory to God in the highest!
And peace on earth with God above!
Glory to God in the highest!
Who is this child to show us all God’s love?*

Well that was pretty strange news to come down
So they hurried all the way into town
Near Mary and Joseph they saw
This baby fast asleep in the straw
They told them what the angel had said
About a Saviour with a trough for his bed
And everyone who heard was amazed
And the shepherds went back home and they praised:

*Glory to God in the highest!
And peace on earth with God above!
Glory to God in the highest!
Who is this child to show us all God’s love?*

5. Looking for an infant king

Daniel wanted a tune that reminded him of camels and deserts, and we think this does the trick. Go for a nice oompah / Egyptian vibe, and enjoy!

*We are wise men from afar
Don't need SatNav following a star
Would've been easier in a car
And we're looking for an infant king*

We weren't that wise
Going to the wrong place
Herod wasn't happy
Should've seen his face!

*We are wise men from afar
Don't need SatNav following a star
Would've been easier in a car
And we're looking for an infant king*

Now we're back
On the road again
Looking for a king
In Bethlehem

*We are wise men from afar
Don't need SatNav following a star
Would've been easier in a car
And we're looking for an infant king*

We brought gold
Frankincense and myrrh
Pretty weird gifts
Caused quite a stir!

*We are wise men from afar
Don't need SatNav following a star
Would've been easier in a car
And we're looking for an infant king*

6. Fast Forward

This song is at the heart of the whole sequence. It's more serious in tone (you can let your hair down with a final rendition of Christmas Christmas Christmas afterwards).

Here we wanted to ground the nativity events in the history of the real man, Jesus. We wanted to fast forward to his life, death, resurrection, and return. This makes an excellent place to insert a very brief epilogue into the programme.

Fast forward 30 years
The child is now an amazing man
The dead are raised and the sick are healed
By him.

Fast forward a little more
No-one wants him to be their king
The soldiers mock him and the people roar
"Kill him!"

*It's a long way from Bethlehem
The perfect king killed by wicked men
But now he reigns 'cos he rose again
Our king*

Fast forward 2,000 years
And he still sits on the throne of heaven
The love of God has been revealed
In him.

Fast forward on some more
He's coming back just one more time
To rule the earth and every eye will
See him.

*It's a long way from Bethlehem
The perfect king killed by wicked men
But now he reigns 'cos he rose again
Our king*

E D A

11

Vo. Je-sus born for all E-ven mums and dads It's Christ - mas Sav - iour

B. Guit. 8

D E

14

Vo. time a - gain Je - sus of the world Friend to

B. Guit. 8

D A

18

Vo. born in Beth - le - hem ev' - ry boy and girl

B. Guit. 8

1. 2.

Jesus is his name

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Andante ♩=88

D Dmaj9(no3rd) Gadd9 D

Bass Guitar

Violin

Voice

Dmaj9(no3rd) Gadd9 D

B. Guit.

Vln.

Vo.

Ma-ry Ma-ry Ma - ry
Ma-ry Ma-ry Ma - ry

Dmaj9(no3rd) Gadd9 D

B. Guit.

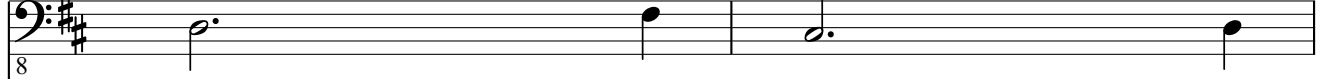
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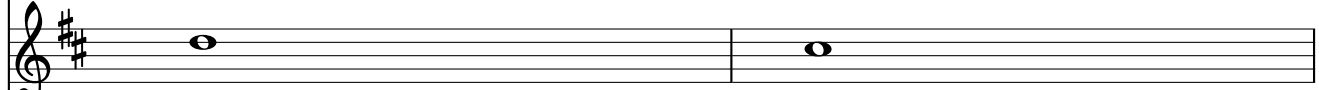
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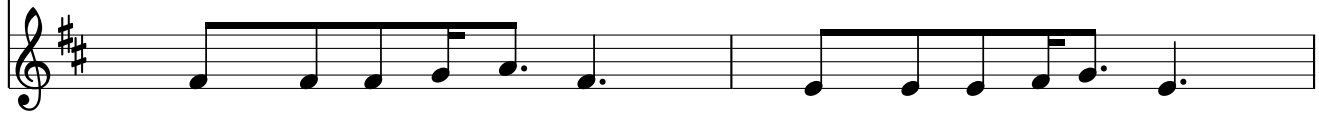
(I've)got some extr'ord - in - a - ry news to give to you to - day
(I)know it seems quite sca - ry tothink you'll be a spe - cial mum

Dmaj9(no4rd)

13

B. Guit. 

Vln. 

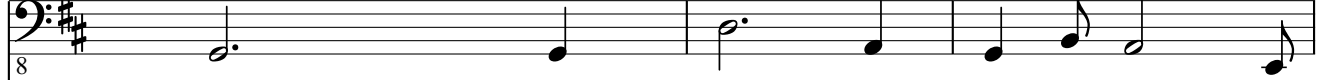
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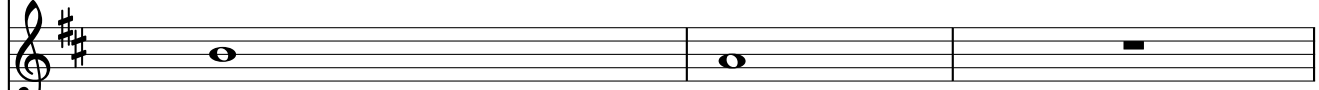
(You're) such an hon-oured la - dy (You're) go-nna have a ba - by
 (Al) though you are so low - ly (And) God is great and ho - ly


Gadd9

D G A

15

B. Guit. 


Vln. 

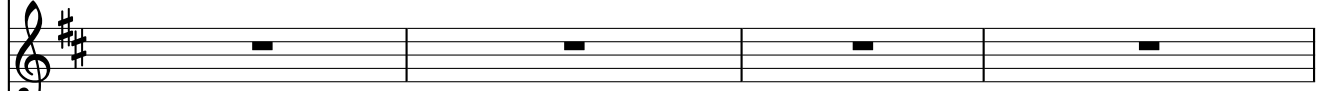
Vo. 


Listen to what I have to say The Son of God The
 He's Chosen You to bear his on - ly Son

D G A D G A

18

B. Guit. 

Vln. 

Vo. 

King will reign Je - sus is his name The Son of God The

Try next door

Lyrics by Daniel and Darren Jones

Composed by Daniel and Darren Jones

Country ♩=76

D G A D

Violin

Bass Guitar

G A D D G A

Vln.

B. Guit.

"Try next

D G A D

Vln.

B. Guit.

door!" "Try next door!" Try next

G D

Vln.

B. Guit.

door Ma-ry and Joe keep hun - ting high and low We're

A

19

Vln.

B. Guit.

8

G D

21

Vln.

B. Guit.

8

A D D

23

Vln.

B. Guit.

8

1 & 2. 3.

D G A D

26

Vln.

B. Guit.

8

G A D

31

Vln.

B. Guit.

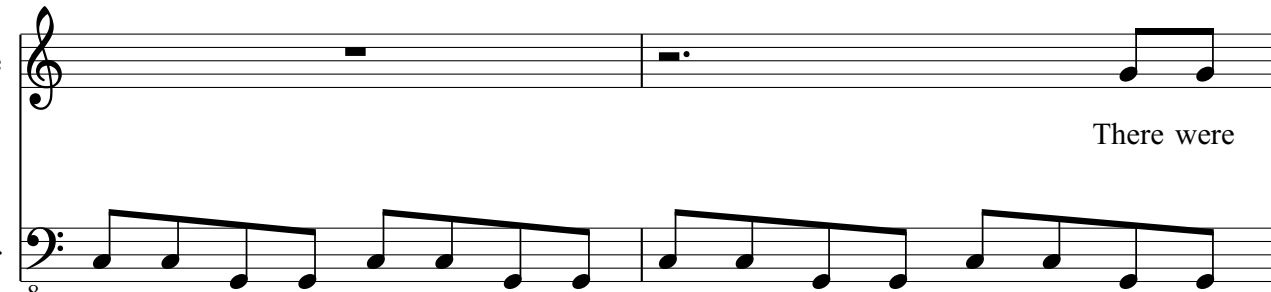
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Glory to God

Darren Jones


Steady rock ♩=120
C

Voice




There were

Bass Guitar




Vo.




shp - herds out in the fields ma king
pret - ty strange news to come down so they

B. Guit.




Vo.




sure their sheep were al - right an
hurried allthe way in - to town Near

B. Guit.




Vo.



an - gel in the sky ap - peared and
Ma - ry and Joseph they saw this

B. Guit.



9

Vo.

 B. Guit.

G

11

Vo.

 B. Guit.

F

13

Vo.

 B. Guit.

C

15

Vo.

 B. Guit.

B \flat

17

Vo. tell you that the Sav - iour is born!" shep - herds - went back home and they praised: "Glo-ry to

B. Guit. 8

F C B \flat

20

Vo. Go-o - d in the high-est and peace on earth with

B. Guit. 8

F C B \flat F

24

Vo. Go-o - d a - bove "Glo-ry to Go-o - d in the

B. Guit. 8

C B \flat F

29

Vo. high-est who is this child to show us all God's

B. Guit. 8

33

1. G C

2.

Vo. love? Well that was love?

B. Guit. 8

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Fast ♩=132

Chords: Bm (Am), Em (Dm), Bm (Am), Em (Dm), Bm (Am), Em (Dm), F# (E)

Voice

Bass Guitar

Chords: Bm (Am), Bm (Am), Em (Dm), Bm (Am)

Vo.

B. Guit.

8

We are wise men from a - far Don't need SAT - NAV

Chords: Em (Dm), Bm (Am), Em (Dm)

Vo.

B. Guit.

12

fol-low-ing a star Would-'ve been eas - i - er in a car and we're

Chords: F# (E), Bm (Am), Bm (Am)

Vo.

B. Guit.

15

look - in for an in - fant king. king. We

4. 1-3.

18

Vo. D A
(C) (G)

weren't that wise go - ing to the wrong place
 Now we're back on the road a - gain
 We brough gold, frank - in - cense and myrrh

B. Guit.

8

20

Vo. Bm F#
(Am) (E)

He - rod was - n't hap - py! Should - 've seen his face!
 on our wa - y to - o Beth - le - hem
 Pret - ty we - ird gi - ifts ca - used quite a stir!

B. Guit.

8

Fast Forward

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Steady ♩=108

Em D6add9 CMaj7 Asus2 Em D6add9 CMaj7 Asus2

Voice

Bass Guitar

Em D6add9 CMaj7 Asus2

5

Vo.

Fast for-ward thir - ty years The child is now an a -
Fast for-ward two thou-sand years And he still sits on the

B. Guit.

8

Vo.

maz - ing - man The dead are raised and the
throne of heaven The love of Go - d has

B. Guit.


10

Vo.


sick are healed by him. Fast for-ward a
been re - vealed in him. Fast for-ward

B. Guit.

14


Vo. 

lit - tle more No - one wants him to be their king
on some more He's com - ing back just one more time


B. Guit. 

8

17

Vo. 


The sold - iers mock him and the peo - ple roar, "Kill him!"
To rule the ear - th and ev' - ry eye (will)see him.

B. Guit. 

8

D C

19

Vo. 


It's a long way from Beth - le-hem

B. Guit. 


8

D C

23

Vo. 

The per - fect - king killed by wick - ed men

B. Guit. 

8

25

D C Em D7add9

Vo. 7

but now he reigns 'cause he rose a-gain, our king

B. Guit. 8

CMaj7 Asus2 Em

28

Vo. | 2.

king.

B. Guit. 8