

CHRISTMAS  
**O Dear Little Children**  
Carol

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Based upon a  
Traditional Melody  
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*Moderato semplice*

*p*

1. O dear lit-tle chil - dren, O come one and all, Draw  
2. O see in the crib low con - ceal - ing His might, See

*p*  
Accompaniment.

The first system of the musical score is in 2/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and includes two verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment is also marked *p* and consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line.

near to the crib, here in Beth - le - hem's stall And  
here by the rays of the clear shin - ing light, In

The second system continues the musical score. The vocal line concludes with the lyrics "And here by the rays of the clear shining light, In". The piano accompaniment continues with the same melodic and harmonic structure as the first system.

see what a bright ray of heav - en's de - light Our  
 clean - li - est swad - dle the Heav - en - ly Child More

Fa - ther has sent on this thrice ho - ly night.  
 beau - teous than le - gions of hosts un - de - filed.

3. He lies there, O children, on hay and on straw,  
 Dear Mary and Joseph regard Him with awe,  
 The shepherds, adoring, bow humbly in prayer,  
 Angelical choirs with song rend the air.
4. O children bend low and adore Him today,  
 O lift up your hands like the shepherds, and pray  
 Sing joyfully, children, with hearts full of love  
 In jubilant song join the angels above.