

# A CHILD WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM

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A7

D Em/D D

A child was born in Beth - le - hem, Al - le - lu -

6 Dmaj7 G/D D Bm E7 Asus4 A D

6 ia! In ev - ry birth he's born a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A

11 Gmaj7 Em D/F# Em A7 Bm Em/G A7 Bm A7

11 blade of grass a seed, a rose, a ba - by girl or boy a

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the hymn 'A Child was Born in Bethlehem'. It is written in D major and 6/8 time. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line, a piano accompaniment line, and a bass line. The first system (measures 1-5) begins with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 6/8 time signature. The second system (measures 6-10) continues the melody and includes a repeat sign. The third system (measures 11-15) concludes the piece. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line to indicate the harmonic structure. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

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D/F# G D/F# Em A D

15

mil - lion times a day the Christ is born.

15

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is the vocal line, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (D major). The lyrics are written below the notes. The middle staff is the piano accompaniment, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The bottom staff is the bass line, starting with a bass clef and a key signature of two sharps. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the first line and a double bar line at the end of the second line.

1. A child was born in Bethlehem, Alleluia!  
 In ev'ry birth he's born again, Alleluia!  
 A blade of grass, a seed, a rose, a baby girl or boy...  
 a million times a day the Christ is born.

2. In ev'ry place, on ev'ry day, Alleluia!  
 We celebrate the gift of life, Alleluia!  
 But oh, my friends what have we done to life on planet earth?  
 So where can Jesus now come to birth?

3. The light on Earth is often dim, we know to well,  
 but still in ev'ry eye we see Emmanuel.  
 With rev`rence for all peaple and for every living thing  
 a ray of healing peace to eathr we'll bring.

4. In Aotearoa now, Alleluia!  
 The Christ is born in ev'ry child, Alleluia!  
 Our land is green, the oceans clean, can hope still find a place  
 for Jesus Christ in ev'ry little face?