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# A CHILD IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM

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Hamilton Montgomerie M<sup>ac</sup>Gill  
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Music arranged by

Dr. Layrie

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## A Child is born in Bethlehem

PUER NATUS IN BETHLEHEM (descant) 1012

Lucas Lossius, Psalmodia, hoc est, Cantica sacra vetris ecclesiae selecta, Nürnberg 1553

Harmony based on Dr. Layrie 1012

A Child is born in Beth - le - hem; Al - lu - ia. Ex -  
ult for joy, Je - ru - sa - lem! Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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| <p>A Child is born in Bethlehem;<br/><i>Alleluia</i><br/>Exult for joy Jerusalem<br/><i>Alleluia. Alleluia.</i></p> | <p>6. He comes a maiden mother's son,<br/>Yet earthly father has he none;</p>            |
| <p>2. Lo! He who reigns above the skies<br/>There, in a manger lowly lies</p>                                       | <p>7. And from the serpent's poison free<br/>He owned our blood and pedigree</p>         |
| <p>3. The ox and ass in neighb'ring stall<br/>See in the Christ the Lord of all.</p>                                | <p>8. Our feeble flesh and his the same,<br/>Our sinless kinsman he became.</p>          |
| <p>4. And kingly pilgrims long foretold,<br/>From east bring incense, myrrh and gold,</p>                           | <p>9. That we, from deadly thrall set free,<br/>Like him, and so like god should be.</p> |
| <p>5. And enter with their offerings<br/>To hail the new born king of kings</p>                                     | <p>10. Come then, and on this natal day,<br/>Rejoice before the Lord and pray</p>        |
|   | <p>11. And to the Holy One in Three<br/>Give praise and thanks eternally.</p>            |

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