

*From: "Good News"*

# **Nothing But a Child**

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# NOTHING BUT A CHILD

Moderately

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D



*mf*

Once up - on a time  
chased a brand new star  
all a round the world in

G6



A/C#



G6



in a far off land,  
ev - er towards the West.  
ev - 'ry lit - tle town

wise men saw a sign  
A - cross the moun-tains far  
ev - 'ry day is heard

A



G



A7



D



and set out 'cross the sand.  
but when it came to rest, they  
a pre - cious lit - tle sound. And,

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G6



Songs of praise to sing, they trav-eled day and night.  
 scarce be-lieved their eyes. They'd come so man-y miles,  
 ev-'ry moth-er, kind and ev-'ry fa-ther, proud,

A/C#



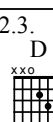
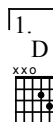
G



A/C#



Pre-cious gifts to bring, they were guid-  
 The mir-a-cle they prized was noth-  
 looks down in awe to find an oth-



ed by the light. They  
 ing but a child.  
 er chance al-lowed.



Noth-ing but a child could wash those tears a-way

Bm G A

or guide a wea - ry world in - to

G A7 D G D

the light of day. Noth-ing but a child

G6 D A/C# Bm

could help e - rase those miles so

G A/C# To Coda G/B A7

once a - gain we all can be chil - dren for a - while.



First system of musical notation (treble and bass clefs) showing the initial melody and accompaniment.



Second system of musical notation, featuring a triplet in the treble clef.



*D.S. al Coda*  $\oplus$   
(take 2nd ending)

Third system of musical notation, concluding with the word "Now" in the treble clef.

*Coda*



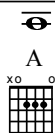
Fourth system of musical notation, including the lyrics: "dren for a while." and concluding with a Coda symbol.



Music notation system 1 (first system). The vocal line (treble clef) has the lyrics: "Noth - ing but \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ lit -". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a treble clef with a whole note chord and a bass clef with a whole note chord.



Music notation system 2 (second system). The vocal line (treble clef) has the lyrics: "- tle ba - by. Noth - ing but \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ lit -". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) continues with a treble clef and a bass clef.



Music notation system 3 (third system). The vocal line (treble clef) has the lyrics: "- tle ba - by. Noth - ing \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ child. \_". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) continues with a treble clef and a bass clef.



Music notation system 4 (fourth system). The vocal line (treble clef) has a whole note chord. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a treble clef with a whole note chord and a bass clef with a whole note chord. The word "rit." is written above the piano part.