

# Hymn Lyrics

www.traditionalmusic.co.uk - Christian Hymn Lyrics.

## Behold a little child

Behold a little child,  
laid in a manger bed;  
the wintry blasts blow wild  
around his infant head.  
but who is this so lowly laid?  
'Tis he by whom the worlds were made.

Alas! in what poor state  
the Son of God is seen;  
why doth the Lord so great  
choose out a home so mean?  
that we may learn from pride to flee,  
and follow his humility.

Where Joseph plies his trade,  
lo! Jesus labors too;  
the hands that all things made  
an earthly craft pursue,  
that weary men in him may rest,  
and faithful toil through him be blest.

Among the doctors see  
the boy so full of grace;  
say, wherefore taketh he  
the scholar's lowly place?  
that Christian boys, with reverence meet,  
may sit and learn at Jesus' feet.

Christ! once thyself a boy,  
our boyhood guard and guide;  
be thou its light and joy,  
and still with us abide,  
that thy dear love, so great and free,  
may draw us evermore to thee.

Christ, Master-Carpenter,  
we come rough-hewn to thee;  
at last, through wood and nails,  
thou mad'st us whole and free.  
In this thy world remake us, planned  
to truer beauty of thine hand.

William Walsham How (1823-1897)