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Child Within

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Christmas carol for choir (single line) and piano

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Christmas poem by Gabriel Fitzmaurice

Duration 2½ minutes

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(Words by Gabriel Fitzmaurice)

A hearty fire
Piled winter-high,
Stars of wonder
In the sky;

Turn out the lights,
The Christmas tree
Has light enough
For all to see;

And in the darkness
All aglow
We share this night
From long ago
And in the darkness
All aglow
We share this night
From long ago

With men and women
Of good will,
The child within us
Godlike still,

The child within us
Godlike still,
The child within us
Godlike still,
Godlike still,
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Slow ♩ = 76
Delicately

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The musical score is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (D major). It consists of five systems of music. The first system (measures 1-4) features a piano introduction with a melody in the right hand and accompaniment in the left hand, marked *p*. The second system (measures 5-8) includes the lyrics: "heart-y fire Piled win-ter - high, Stars of won- der_ In the sky;". The third system (measures 9-12) includes the lyrics: "Turn out the lights, The Christ- mas tree Has light e - nough For". The fourth system (measures 13-16) includes the lyrics: "all to see; And in the dark- ness All a- glow We share this night From". The fifth system (measures 17-20) includes the lyrics: "long a- go And in the dark- ness All a- glow We share this night From long a- go". The score includes various dynamic markings such as *p*, *mf*, *f*, and *p sub*, as well as a *Ped.* (pedal) marking. The piece concludes with a final chord in the piano part.

23

p
With

pp *p*

28

men and wom - en Of good will, The child with-in us God-like still,

mf

mf

32

The child with-in us God-like still, The

p *mf* *p*

p *mf*

36

child with-in us God-like still, God-like still, God-like still.

p *rall.*

p