

He is born, the divine Christ-Child

French 18th Cent Carol

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The musical score is written for piano in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and ends with a measure number '5'. The second system starts at measure 10 and ends with a measure number '15', marked 'Fine' and 'Verse'. The third system starts at measure 20 and ends with a measure number '25'. The fourth system starts at measure 30 and ends with a measure number '30', marked 'D.C. al Fine'. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a simple accompaniment in the bass clef.

Refrain

*He is born, the holy Child,
Play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the holy Child,
Sing we all of the Savior mild.*

Through long ages of the past,
Prophets have foretold His coming;
Through long ages of the past,
Now the time has come at last!

Refrain

O how lovely, O how pure
Is this perfect Child of heaven;
O how lovely, O how pure
Gracious gift to humankind!

Refrain

Jesus, Lord of all the world,
Coming as a Child among us,
Jesus, Lord of all the world,
Grant to us Thy heavenly peace.

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