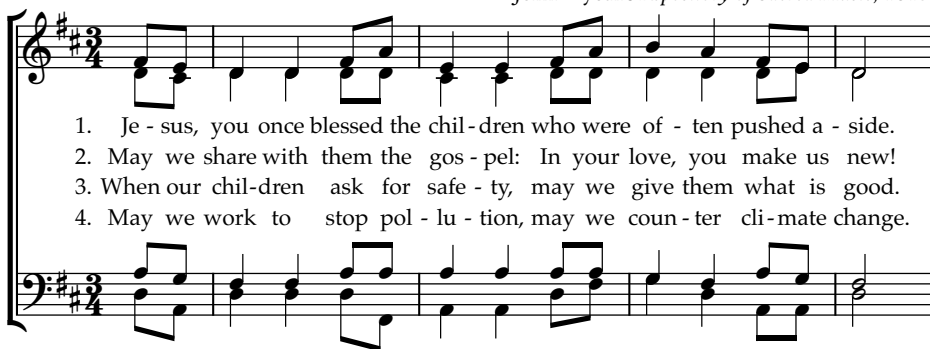


Jesus, You Once Blessed the Children

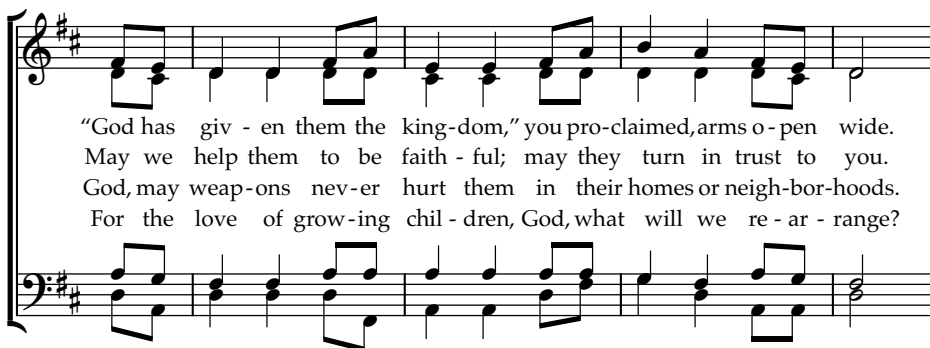
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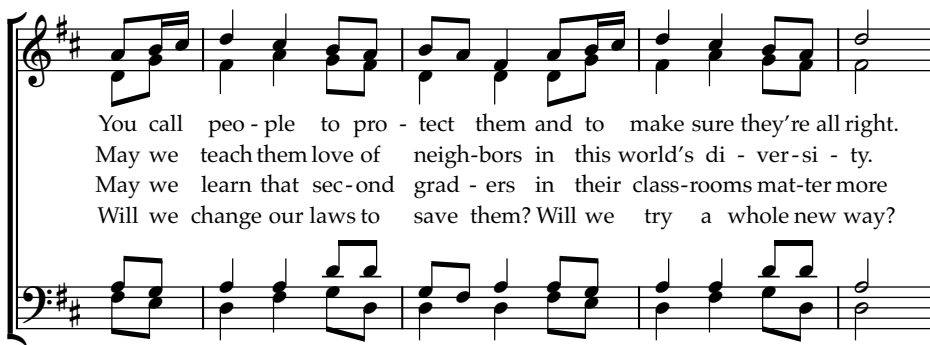
John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813



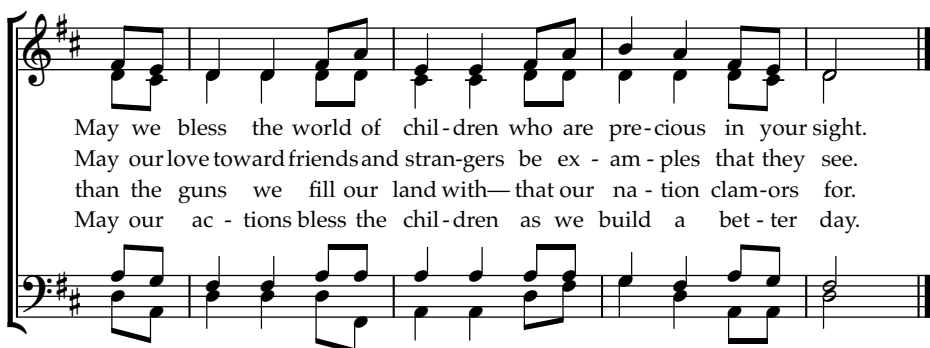
1. Je - sus, you once blessed the chil - dren who were of - ten pushed a - side.
2. May we share with them the gos - pel: In your love, you make us new!
3. When our chil - dren ask for safe - ty, may we give them what is good.
4. May we work to stop pol - lu - tion, may we coun - ter cli - mate change.



"God has giv - en them the king - dom," you pro - claimed, arms o - pen wide.
May we help them to be faith - ful; may they turn in trust to you.
God, may weap - ons nev - er hurt them in their homes or neigh - bor - hoods.
For the love of grow - ing chil - dren, God, what will we re - ar - range?



You call peo - ple to pro - tect them and to make sure they're all right.
May we teach them love of neigh - bors in this world's di - ver - si - ty.
May we learn that sec - ond grad - ers in their class - rooms mat - ter more
Will we change our laws to save them? Will we try a whole new way?



May we bless the world of chil - dren who are pre - cious in your sight.
May our love toward friends and stran - gers be ex - am - ples that they see.
than the guns we fill our land with—that our na - tion clam - ors for.
May our ac - tions bless the chil - dren as we build a bet - ter day.