

Jesus Once Was a Little Child

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Simplified

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Sweetly ♩ = 46-56

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment and a vocal line. It consists of five systems of music. The first system starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 6/8 time signature. The tempo is marked 'Sweetly' and the range is 46-56. The first system contains two lines of lyrics: '1. Je - sus once was a lit - tle child, A lit - tle child like' and '2. He played as lit - tle chil - dren play The pleas - ant games of'. The second system continues the lyrics: 'me; And he was pure and meek and mild, As a youth; But he nev - er got vexed when the game went wrong, And he'. The third system continues: 'lit - tle child should be. So, lit - tle al - ways spoke the truth.' The fourth system continues: 'chil - dren, Let's you and I'. The fifth system concludes with: 'Try to be like him, Try, try, try.' The score includes various musical notations such as chords (G, C, D7, F, G7), rests, and fingerings. The piano part features a steady accompaniment with some triplet patterns.

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