

Jesus Once Was a Little Child, CS 55

with enhanced piano and counter melody

Sweetly

Words: James R. Murray, 1841-1905
Music: Joseph Ballantyne, 1868-1944

Counter-melody

Optional counter melody - for voice or instrument - suggested for verse 2 2. He

Piano 1

Enhanced piano accompaniment - use for fun and variety

Piano 2

Regular accompaniment - as in current *Children's Songbook* of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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played as lit - tle chil - dren play The pleas - ant games of youth; But he

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Pno. 2

Je played - sus as once lit - a tle lit - tle child, A lit - tle child games like me; And he

played as once lit - a tle child - ren play The pleas - ant games like of youth; But he

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nev - er got vexed if the game went wrong, And he al - ways spoke the truth. _____

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he _____ was got pure vexed if the meek game and went mild, wrong, As a lit - tle child spoke should be. _____
nev - er got vexed if the meek game and went mild, wrong, And he al - ways spoke should the truth. _____

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So, _____ lit - tle chil - dren, Let's _____ you and I _____

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So, lit - tle child - ren, Let's you _____ and I _____

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Try _____ to be like him, Try, try, _____

1. _____ 2. _____

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Try to _____ be like him, Try, try, try. _____ He try. _____

1. _____ 2. _____

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**Suggested Uses:**

1. Have a class or group of children sing the countermelody on the second verse.
2. Have a teacher or the music leader sing the countermelody.
3. Play the countermelody on a flute, violin or the upper part of the piano.
4. Use the enhanced piano accompaniment instead of the regular one.

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