

COME EMBRACE THE CHILD OF CHRISTMAS

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1. Come embrace the child of Christ-mas, Child of ev - 'ry hu - man birth,
2. As we walk the Christ-mas path - way we find strug - gle gifts new birth,
3. God of won - der and of splen - dour, God of light - ness and of grace,

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Birth in sta - ble, ward or dwell - ing, Birth at an - y place on Earth.
Dark - ness turns in - to a bright - ness and af - firms our in - ner worth.
God of sing - ing and of danc - ing, God of snug - gle and em - brace,

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Ev - 'ry birth is new be - gin - ning for a moth - er, fa - ther, child;
In the mys - t'ry we find wis - dom, In the sor - row rays of peace,
May the child of Christ - mas sto - ry lead our spir - its to dis - cern

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Time to cel - e - brate with won - der all that's ten - der, just and mild.
Our a - lone - ness her - alds pres - ence, Pres - ence that shall ne - ver cease.
True for - give - ness and thanks - giv - ing Form the Way we should af - firm.