

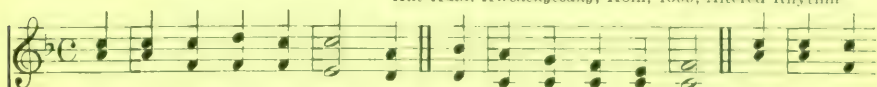
Hymns for Children

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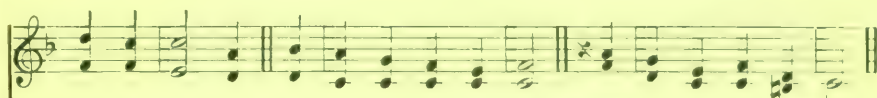
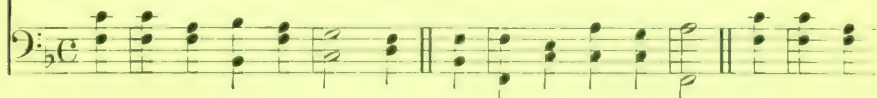
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Traditional Rhenish Folk Song

Alt. Kath. Kirchengesang, Köln, 1599, Altered Rhythm



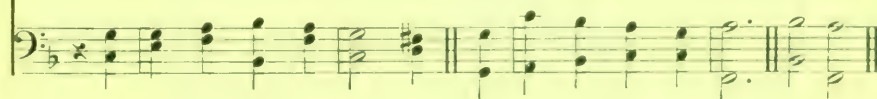
1. Be - hold a Branch is grow - ing Of love-liest form and grace; As proph-ets
2. I - sa - iah hath fore-told it In words of prom - ise sure, And Ma-ry's
3. The shep-herds heard the sto - ry Pro-claimed by an-gels bright, How Christ, the



sung, fore-know-ing, It springs from Jes-se's race, And bears one lit - tle Flower
arms en - fold It A Vir - gin meek and pure. Through God's e-ter-nal will
Lord of glo - ry Was born on earth this night. To Beth - le - hem they sped;



In midst of cold - est win - ter, At deep - est mid-night hour.
This Child to her is giv - en, At mid-night calm and still.
And in the man - ger found Him, As an - gel - her - alds said. A-men.



- 4 This Flower, Whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True Man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load.

- 5 O Saviour, Child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe;
O Saviour, King of glory,
Who dost our weakness know,
Bring us at length we pray
To the bright courts of heaven,
And to the endless day.

*XVI Century
Tr. St. 1-4, Harriet R. Krauth, 1875
St. 5, John Caspar Mattes, 1914*