

To Be His Child

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Reverently

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of staves. The first system shows the beginning of the piece with a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The second system starts at measure 5 and includes lyrics. The third system starts at measure 8 and also includes lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and chords or moving lines in the left hand.

It's im-

pos - si - ble to say eve - ry - thing it means to me to be a child of a
nev - er be a - lone for I have a heav'n - ly home, and He is al - ways there to

lov - ing God. But I know He has a plan to bring us home to Him a - gain, a plan of
hear my prayer. What - ev - er hap - pens down the road, I'll hold on to what I know be - cause He

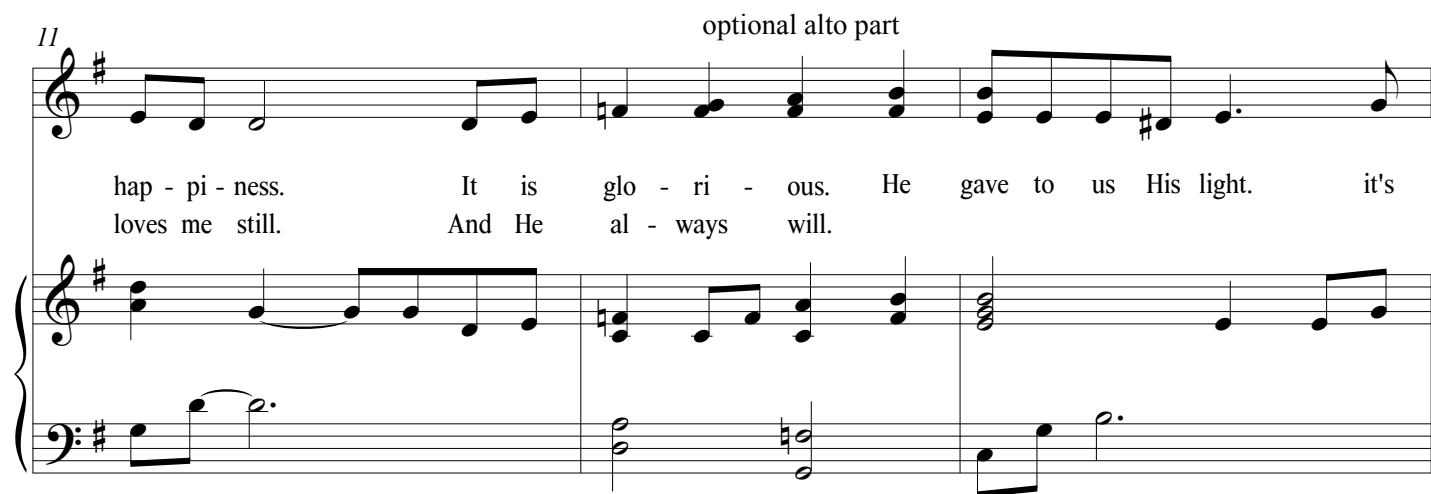
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11 optional alto part



hap - pi - ness. It is glo - ri - ous. He gave to us His light. it's
loves me still. And He al - ways will.

14



bright - er than the stars. And a lit - tle of His love, He placed in eve - ry heart, so I'll be

17 optional alto part



brave and true and kind all my life, for I know who I tru-ly am in - side._____ and it means

21

1.

eve - ry - thing to me — to be His child. I will

24

2.

*To skip this optional extra chorus,
go straight from the end of measure 21
to the beginning of measure 37.

child. He sent to us His Son who's

29

bright-er than the stars who showed how deep His love when He died to save us all. I know that

32

through the grace He gives all my life, I'll re-turn to my Heavn'-ly Fa-ther's side, for it means

poco rit.

36

eve - ry - thing to me to be His child. To be His

a tempo

39

Slowly

child. To be His child.

molto rit.

A note about this song: It is, as the song says, impossible to say everything it means to be His child, and I struggled to choose what to focus on. I decided to focus on the idea that we have the seeds of divinity within us, and that should inspire us to be better people. But the song seemed incomplete without singing about the Savior. So I added the extra chorus at the end. You can choose to have the whole group sing it, or a soloist, or you can skip it. I just hope the song will encourage children to think about what it means to them personally to be His child, and understand more clearly what an incomparable gift that is. Happy singing.

Shawna