

O Child of the Nations

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Calvary Episcopal Church, Cincinnati, Ohio*

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Tune: **EXPRESSION**
The Sacred Harp, 1844
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Andante, espressivo (♩ = ca. 60)

(Selected voices, or a quartet, may sing through m. 16.)

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

p Sop. only

O — Child of the na - tions, with love, we be - hold! Re -

p +Alto

5

new us a - gain — through the sto - ries of old. — O —

Tenor only *p*

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9

come, _____ Branch of Jes - se; our hearts _____ You in - spire! _____ A -

+Bass
p

13

poco rall. *a tempo* *p*

wak - en our spir - it, O dear - est De - sire. With _____

mel.
mp
p

18

an - gels and proph - ets, we long _____ for Your birth _____ fore -

(9)

22

mf mel.

told _____ through the ag - es, an - nounc - ing Your worth. _____ O _____

mf

26

come, — Key of Da - vid; our minds — You in - spire! — We —

30

*poco rall.**a tempo*

wel - come Your pres - ence, O dear - est De - sire. — O —

35

Je - sus, re - vealed — as an in - fant and King, — give — voice — to faith's

40

in - fan - cy ris - ing to sing! — O — come, — shin - ing

Day-spring; our souls_ You in - spire!_ We_ live in Your liv - ing, O

dear - est De - sire. O come, shin-ing Day - spring; our
O come, O come, dim. *f* 51

souls_ You in - spire!_ We_ live in Your liv - ing, *mp* *poco rall.*

O dear - est De - sire. *p* *Meno mosso* 59 *pp*

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