

Suffer Little Children to Come unto Me

Words by William M. Hutchings, 1850

Music written by a Unknown Composer; 1922
Arranged by Benjamin Esh

*Jesus... said, Suffer little children to come unto me,
and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Lk. 18:16*

D G D G A D G D A⁷ D

1. When moth - ers of Sa - lem their chil - dren brought to Je - sus, The stern dis - ci - ples
2. "For I will re - ceive them, and fold them in My bo - som; I'll be a Shep - herd
3. How kind was our Sav - ior to bid those chil - dren wel - come! But there are man - y
4. And still the kind Sav - ior bids lit - tle chil - dren wel - come, For Je - sus' lov - ing,

D 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 3 4 0 0 3 0 1 0
A 5 5 5 5 5 5 3 0 3 4 5 5 3 0 0 0
D 4 7 6+ 5 4 4 5 4 5 6+ 7 4 4 5 4 3 2

G D A⁷ D A E A D D

drove them back and bade them de - part; But Je - sus saw them ere they fled,
to those lambs, oh, drive them not a - way! For if their hearts to Me they give,
thou - sands who have nev - er heard His name; The Bi - ble they have nev - er read,
ten - der heart to chil - dren is the same; Though here His voice is no more heard,

3 0 1 0 1 4 5 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
3 0 0 0 0 4 6+ 4 5 3 5 5 5 5 5 5
5 4 3 2 1 4 5 4 4 2 4 4 4 5 4 4

D A D A Bmin D Emin D/A A D

And sweet - ly smiled and kind - ly said, "Suf - fer lit - tle chil - dren to come un - to Me.
They shall with Me in glo - ry live: Suf - fer lit - tle chil - dren to come un - to Me."
They know not that the Sav - ior said, "Suf - fer lit - tle chil - dren to come un - to Me."
From heav'n it - self He speaks this word, "Suf - fer lit - tle chil - dren to come un - to Me."

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5 3 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 7 7 7 7 5 5 6 5 4 5
4 2 4 4 4 5 4 4 7 7 8 8 9 8 7 7 8 7 6+ 7