

God Bless the Rich Child *

Them that's got shall have;
God rest you merry, gentlemen,
them that's not shall lose
let nothing you dismay,
–so the Bible said
for Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
and it still is news.
was born upon this day
Mama may have,
to save us all from Satan's power
papa may have,
when we were gone astray:
but God bless the child that's got his own...
O tidings of comfort and joy,
that's got his own.
comfort and joy.

Yes, the strong gets more
From God, our heavenly Father,
while the weak ones fade.
a blessèd angel came,
Empty pockets don't
and unto certain shepherds
ever make the grade
brought tidings of the same,
Mama may have,
how that in Bethlehem was born
papa may have,
the Son of God by name:
but God bless the child that's got his own...
O tidings of comfort and joy,
that's got his own.
comfort and joy,

Money,
The shepherds at those tidings
you've got lots of friends
rejoicèd much in mind
crowding round the door.
and left their flocks a-feeding
When you're gone,
in tempest, storm and wind,
spending ends
and went to Bethlehem straightway
they don't come 'round no more.
this blessed Babe to find.

Rich relations give
But when to Bethlehem they came
crust of bread and such.
whereat this Infant lay,
You can help yourself
they found Him in a manger
but don't take too much.
where oxen feed on hay;
Mama may have,
His mother Mary, kneeling,
papa may have
unto the Lord did pray:
but God bless the child that's got his own...
O tidings of comfort and joy,
that's got his own.
comfort and joy.

Mama may have,
Now to the Lord sing praises
papa may have
all you within this place,
but God bless the child that's got his own...
and with true love and brotherhood
That's got his own.
each other now embrace;
He just worry 'bout nothin'
this holy tide of Christmas
cause he's got his own.
all other doth deface
Yes, he's got his own.
comfort and joy.

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