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MUSIC



Music for Choirs

Here is the Child

SATB unaccompanied – suitable for Community Choirs

*Among the dirt and dust of our destruction,
Among the hurt and loss, illness and pain;
In war's self-righteous rage and devastation,
Where is the Child?*

*We wander blindly, dazed by our confusion,
We lose far more than we could ever gain;
We search with aimless fervour, ever losing
Sight of the Child.*

*But here among the leafless chill of winter
An unexpected warmth swells through the veins;
For simple acts of fellowship and kindness
Proclaim the Child.*

*In love of parent, brother, sister, stranger;
In hope that all our futures will be saved;
In faith that lasts through darkness, fear and
danger;
Here is the Child.
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Specially written for our local community choir – Village Voices based in Llangybi, Monmouthshire – this has proved very popular with both audiences and performers. The piece is written in a hymn-like format: the first two verses ask the question “Where is the Child in the modern world?” and the final two verses seek to answer that question.

