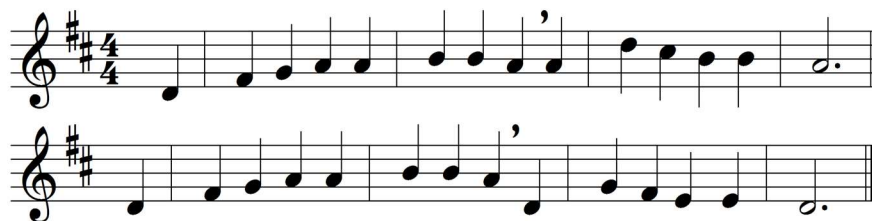


The heavenly Child in stature grows    AMNS 50    Melody: Tallis's Ordinal    C.M.



The heavenly Child in stature grows,  
and, growing, learns to die;  
and still his early training shows  
his coming agony.

The Son of God his glory hides  
to dwell with parents poor;  
and he who made the heavens abides  
in dwelling-place obscure.

Those mighty hands that rule the sky  
no earthly toil refuse;  
the maker of the stars on high  
an humble trade pursues.

He whom the choirs of angels praise,  
bearing each dread decree,  
his earthly parents now obeys  
in glad humility.

For this thy lowliness revealed,  
Jesus, we thee adore,  
and praise to God the Father yield  
and Spirit evermore.

Words: Jean-Baptiste de Santeuil (1630-1697), translated by John Chandler (1806-1876)  
Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)