

It was poor little Jesus, yes, yes Hymnal 1982 no. 468

Melody: Poor Little Jesus Irregular metre



It was poor little Jesus, yes, yes;
he was born on Christmas, yes, yes;
and laid in a manger, yes, yes;
wasn't that a pity and a shame, Lord, Lord,
wasn't that a pity and a shame?

It was poor little Jesus, yes, yes;
child of Mary, yes, yes;
didn't have a cradle, yes, yes;
wasn't that a pity and a shame, Lord, Lord,
wasn't that a pity and a shame?

It was poor little Jesus, yes, yes;
they nailed him to the cross, Lord, yes, yes;
they hung him with a robber, yes, yes;
wasn't that a pity and a shame, Lord, Lord,
wasn't that a pity and a shame?

It was poor little Jesus, yes, yes;
he's risen from darkness, yes, yes;
he's 'scended into glory, yes, yes;
no more a pity and a shame, Lord, Lord,
no more a pity and a shame.

Words: Afro-American spiritual

Music: Afro-American spiritual, melody from *Songs and Games of American Children*, 1884-1911