

THIS CHILD WE DEDICATE TO THEE

(with Variations for Boy/ Girl)

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LYRICS

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*“Only give heed to yourself and keep your soul diligently,
so that **you** do not forget the things which your eyes have seen
and they do not depart from your heart all the days of your life;
but **make them known to your sons and your grandsons.**” - GOD, Deuteronomy 4:9*

ORIGINAL VERSES 1 & 2

This child we dedicate to Thee,
In Thy great love its life prolong;

O may Thy Spirit gently draw
May virtue, piety, and truth

O God of grace and purity!
Shield it, we pray, from sin and wrong.

Its willing soul to keep Thy law;
Dawn even with its dawning youth.

VERSES 1 & 2 for Boy

This child we dedicate to Thee,
In Thy great love HIS life prolong;

O may Thy Spirit gently draw
May virtue, piety, and truth

O God of grace and purity!
Shield HIM, we pray, from sin and wrong.

HIS willing soul to keep Thy law;
Dawn even with HIS dawning youth.

VERSES 1 & 2 for Girl

This child we dedicate to Thee,
In Thy great love HER life prolong;

O may Thy Spirit gently draw
May virtue, piety, and truth

O God of grace and purity!
Shield HER, we pray, from sin and wrong.

HER willing soul to keep Thy law;
Dawn even with HER dawning youth.