A Child of the King

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My Father is rich in houses and lands, He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands! Of rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold, His coffers are full, He has riches untold.

I'm a child of the King, A child of the King: With Jesus my Savior, I'm a child of the King.

My Father's own Son, the Savior of men, Once wandered on earth as the poorest of them; But now He is pleading our pardon on high, That we may be His when He comes by and by.

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I once was an outcast stranger on earth, A sinner by choice, an alien by birth, But I've been adopted, my name's written down, An heir to a mansion, a robe and a crown.

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A tent or a cottage, why should I care? They're building a palace for me over there; Though exiled from home, yet still may I sing: All glory to God, I'm a child of the King.

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Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of Gods own choosing;
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Saboath is His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us;
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him
His rage we can endure for lo! His doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also:
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.