

THIS CHILD WE DEDICATE TO THEE : OTEN Easy Music

(with Variations for **Boy/ Girl**)

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MUSIC SHEET for Arrangement by: www.DianaDeeOsborneSongs.com / HYMNS
 4/4 time (pu = 0) using **OTEN** EASY Music Notation Method
 TEMPO: **100** BPM Public Domain CCLI.com #199460

*“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 & your grandsons.**” - GOD, Deuteronomy 4:9*

| VERSES | <i>Osborne TExt-Based Notation (OTEN) -- see website tab for full explanation</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | F | | Bb | | F | | |
| 1a | This | — | child | we | ded- | — | i - |
| <i>melody</i> | A | — | A | A | Bb | — | A ^C.... |

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| | C | | F | | | | |
| 1b | cate | — | to | — | Thee. | — | — |
| <i>melody</i> | ^C | — | Bb | — | A | — | — |

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| 1c | O | — | God | of | Grace | — | — | and |
| <i>melody</i> | Bb | — | Bb | Bb | A | — | — | A |

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| 1d | pur- | — | i- | — | ty! | — | — |
| <i>melody</i> | B-nat | — | B-nat | — | ^C | — | — |

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| | F | | F | | | | |
| 1e | In | — | Thy | great | love, | — | her |
| <i>melody</i> | ^C | — | C | Bb | A | — | vF |

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| 1f | life..... | — | pro-..... | — | long! | — | — |
| <i>melody</i> | vE F | — | G A | — | ^Bb | — | — |

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| | F | | Bb | | F | | |
| 1g | Shield | — | her, | we | pray, | — | from |
| <i>melody</i> | A | — | ^D | D | C | — | A |

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| | F | | C | | F | | |
| 1h | sin | — | AND | — | wrong. | — | — |
| <i>melody</i> | vF | — | G | — | F | — | — |

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ORIGINAL VERSES 1 & 2

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

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

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

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

*To personalize the sung prayer for a specific child
(such as at Baptism or a Dedication service),
Select the set below that fits for the child, **boy** or **girl**.*

VERSES 1 & 2 for Boy

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

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

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

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

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

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