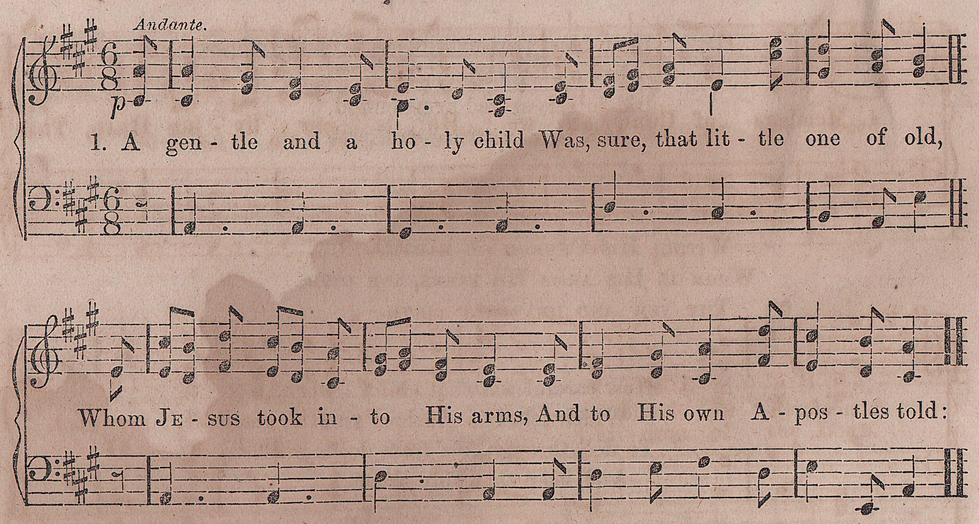
No. xli. A gentle and a holy Child.



1. A GENTLE and a holy child
Was, sure, that little one of old,
Whom JESUS took into His arms,
And to His own Apostles told:

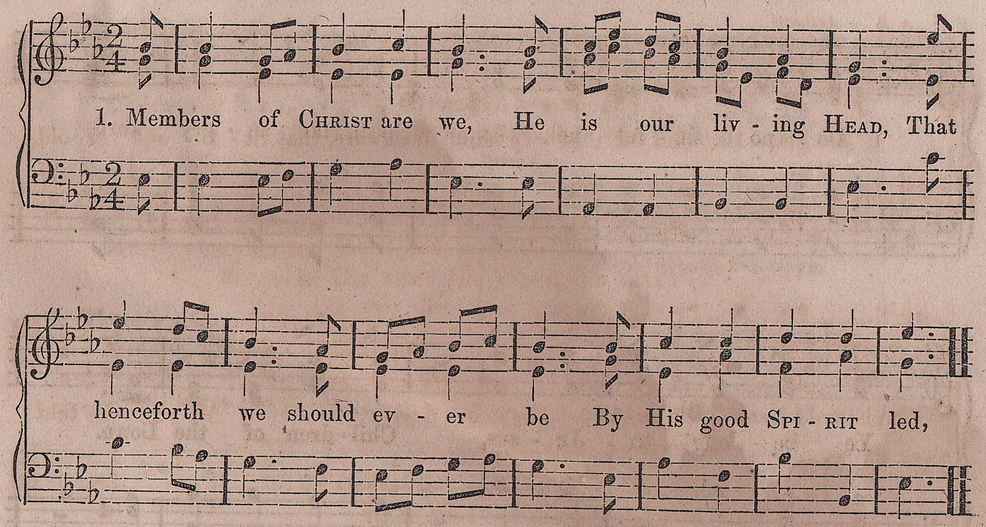
2. Ye can not enter into Heaven,
If still your hearts are proud and wild,
Except, converted, you become,
Like little children, pure and mild.

3. Had we been waiting at His side
When JESUS taught His people thus,
Uplooking in His holy face,
Could He have chosen one of us?

4. Oh, not unless our childish hearts
In simple truthfulness obey;
Unless our souls be guileless found,
And meek and gentle, day by day!

5. Oh, SAVIOUR, fill our hearts with joy,
And deign to make us good and mild;
And bless us with thy gentle hand,
As Thou didst bless that Jewish child.

No. xlii. Members of Christ are we.



1. MEMBERS of CHRIST are we,
He is our living HEAD,
That henceforth we should ever be
By His good SPIRIT led,

2. In the same narrow path
Our LORD and SAVIOUR trod,
The path that leadeth by the cross
To glory and to GOD.

3. Children of GOD are we,
Such grace to us is given,
To kneel and pray in CHRIST'S own words,
"FATHER, Who art in heaven;"

4. Seeking to do His will,
As angels do above,
And walking in obedient ways
Of holy truth and love.

5. Of heaven's kingdom we
Inheritors were made
In baptism, and were each in robe
Of spotless white array'd.

6. Upon our forehead now
Is traced the suffering sign,
That one day on each saintly brow
A glorious crown shall shine.

7. CHRIST'S little ones are we,
And unto us are given
Angelic guards, who ever see
Our FATHER'S face in heaven.

8. To walk in folly now
We may not, must not dare,
Mindful Whose seal is on our brow,
Whose holy Name we bear.