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"Children, Go Where I Send Thee" is a traditional African-American spiritual song, as well as a cumulative song. This song is also known as "The Holy Baby" or "Born in Bethlehem." There are many versions of this song, each giving a Biblical meaning to the numbers mentioned.

It is very similar to the English song "Green Grow the Rushes O".

Jean Ritchie made this song known after it had been discovered in Kentucky in a country school for black children.

This song is often performed as a Christmas carol and has been recorded by Kenny Rogers with Home Free, Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Nina Simone, Natalie Merchant, The Weavers, The Kingston Trio, the Blind Boys of Alabama, Mike Seeger with sisters Penny Seeger and Peggy Seeger, Peter, Paul and Mary, Ricky Skaggs, Ralph Stanley, Johnny Cash, Mahalia Jackson, Tennessee Ernie Ford, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Odetta, Hall and Oates, REO Speedwagon, Neil Diamond and many others.

It was printed in Broadwood's **English Country Songs** (1893) and Sharp's **One Hundred English Folk Songs**.

I learned it from The Kingston Trio's album **Last Month of the Year** (1960).