

A Child Like Me

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of eight staves of music. Each staff begins with a measure number (1, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21) and is accompanied by lyrics. Chord symbols (C, F, G7, Am) are placed above the staff lines. The lyrics describe a child's perspective on the Underground Railroad and the role of a 'look-out' in their family. The score includes several instances of '(clap)' in the lyrics, indicating where to clap. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

1 C F
Black child on the un - der ground rail - road,

3 C G7 C
Run - ning a - way from sla - ver - y, Him and his mo - ther

6 F G7
look - ing - for a sta - tion, And peo - ple who will help them to be free.

9 C F C
White child play - ing by the wood - lot, Sees them and says "Come a - long with

12 G7 C
me," No - bod - dy no - ti - ces a child out play - ing, So

15 F G7 Chorus C
he's the look - out in his fam - i - ly. A child like you (clap), a

18 Am G7
child like me, (clap) A child back in eight - een fif - ty three,* (clap)

21
Some - times the he - ro in the his - to - ry book (clap)

23

(clap) is a child like me_____ (me)

26

a child like me.

Black child at a civil rights meeting
 Listening to Martin Luther King
 Asking the grown-ups to march for freedom,
 She thinks she's too young to do a thing.
 Next night, not enough grown-ups,
 They're all in jail in Birmingham,
 So next day it's the children marching
 And the TV shows the whole world they came.

A child like you, a child like me,
 A child back in nineteen-sixty-three,
 Sometimes the hero in the history book
 Is a child like me.

Some child in a faraway country
 Or right here in the USA
 Is speaking out for peace and justice
 Not back in history but now, today,
 Speaking out against child labor,
 Speaking out for the refugee,
 Making all the right kinds of trouble.
 I think that child could be you or me.

A child like you, a child like me,
 A child in the twenty-first century
 Sometimes the hero in the history book
 Is a child like me.

**This line changes in each chorus*