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**“I AM A CHILD OF THE KING”
(HARRIETT E. BUELL, 1834–1910)**

“We are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.” (Romans 8:16, 17)

As children of the heavenly kingdom, we should learn to enjoy and possess the rich spiritual blessings that belong to us as heirs of God’s riches.

- We have been justified and made acceptable to God — Romans 5:1;
- We have been adopted into God’s royal family — Romans 8:16, 17
- We have been given a citizenship in heaven — Philippians 3:20
- We possess the indwelling Holy Spirit — 1 Corinthians 6:19
- We have been placed into the kingdom of the Son of God’s love — Colossians 1:13
- We have the promise that the best is yet to come — a heavenly home — 1 Corinthians 2:9.

Whether you are great or small in God’s kingdom, you are still God’s child. An infant is as truly a child of its parents as is a full-grown person. You are as dear to your heavenly Father as the most prominent member in His family.

Harriett Buell wrote the words for “I Am A Child of the King” one Sunday morning while walking home from her Methodist church service. She sent her text to the Northern Christian Advocate, and it was printed in the February 1, 1877 issue of the magazine. John Sumner, a singing school music teacher, saw the words and composed the music without Harriett Buell’s knowledge. **The hymn has been widely used since then to remind believers who they really are — bearers of God’s image (Genesis 1:26) and children of the King of Kings.**

“I AM A CHILD OF THE KING”

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. **CHORUS.**

My Father’s own Son, the Savior of men, once wandered o’er earth as the poorest of them; but now He is reigning forever on high, and will give me a home in heav’n by and by. **CHORUS.**

I once was an outcast stranger on earth, a sinner by choice and an alien by birth; but I’ve been adopted; my name’s written down—an heir to a mansion, a robe, and a crown. **CHORUS.**

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

**CHORUS: I’M A CHILD OF THE KING! I’M A CHILD OF THE KING! WITH JESUS,
MY SAVIOR, I’M A CHILD OF THE KING! AMEN.**

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*“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”
Matthew 28:18 – 20*

