

Start it Out Here in Bethlehem

[4/4, 144 bpm]

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[Key of E]

VERSE 1

E A F#m B
How can I show the loving grace I have for them?
E A F#m B
How will they know forgiveness from My heart?
E A F#m B
I will go down, and live a life as one of them,
E A F#m B
A man when grown, a baby from the start.

CHORUS 1

E
Start it out here in Bethlehem,
G#m
Show them all how to love each other,
E
I have chosen Bethlehem,
G#m
Joseph and Mary, husband and mother,
E
Tell My prophets, Bethlehem.
G#m
Tell them that this begins the story.
E
Start it out as a baby man,
G#m B E
Grow to fill the world with glory.

Alternate order:
Verse 1
Chorus 1
Verse 2 – Verse 3
Chorus 1
Verse 4 – Verse 5
Chorus 2
Bridge
Chorus 2
Tag

VERSE 2

E A F#m B
How can I show that humble seed can grow a King?
E A F#m B
A simple birth, no room to lay My head.
E A F#m B
I will proclaim, with shouts of angels, "Born the King!"
E A F#m B
Yet they will see a simple life instead.

(REPEAT CHORUS)

VERSE 3

E	A	F#m	B
How can I preach the words of life I have for them?			
E	A	F#m	B
How can I reach the sick, and blind, and lame?			
E	A	F#m	B
I'll stand and teach on hillsides and among their towns,			
E	A	F#m	B
I'll heal the sick, so they will know My name.			

(REPEAT CHORUS)

VERSE 4

E	A	F#m	B
How can I show that I know pain and suffering?			
E	A	F#m	B
Temptation comes, and I know how it feels?			
E	A	F#m	B
I'll give My life, in sacrifice redeeming them,			
E	A	F#m	B
Through death I'll show compassion that is real.			

CHORUS 2

E	Start it out here in Bethlehem,		
G#m	Show them all how to love each other,		
E	I have chosen Bethlehem,		
G#m	Joseph and Mary, husband and mother,		
E	Tell My prophets, Bethlehem.		
G#m	Tell them that this begins the story.		
E	Start it out as a baby lamb,		
G#m	B	E	
Grow to fill the world with glory.			

VERSE 5

E	A	F#m	B
How can I show that I am man, yet God again?			
E	A	F#m	B
I will arise from death and from the grave.			
E	A	F#m	B
I will proclaim, "Behold, I am your risen King,			
E	A	F#m	B
"I have become the Lamb of God who saves!"			

(REPEAT CHORUS 2 & 1)

BRIDGE

E	A	E
And let the angels proclaim		
E		B
That I am coming yet again,		
	A	E
And let the angels proclaim this time		
E		B
I am the risen King.		
	A	E
And let the angels proclaim		
	E	B
That I have saved you from your sin,		
	A	E
And let the angels proclaim in Me		
E		B
The dead will live again, and		

(REPEAT CHORUS 1 & 2)

TAG

	A	
And let the angels say,		
B	E	B E
"Born is Christ the King!"		