

God Bless the Child

Bass for Standard Key

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Ballad [Billie Holiday 1941] (♩ = 68)

A1

4 **E^bMA⁷ E^b⁷ A^b⁶ E^bMA⁷ E^b⁷ A^b⁶ B^bMI⁷ E^b⁷**
Them that's got shall get, them that's not shall lose, so the Bi - ble said, and it

8 **B^bMI⁷ E^b⁷ A^bMA⁷ A^b⁶ A^bMI^(MA 7) A^bMI⁶ GMI⁷ C^{7(b9)} FMI⁷ B^b⁷**
still is news. Mama may have, Pa - pa may have, but God bless the child that's got his own, that's

A2

9 **E^b⁶ FMI⁷ B^b⁷ E^bMA⁷ E^b⁷ A^b⁶ E^bMA⁷ E^b⁷ A^b⁶**
got his own. Yes, the strong gets more, while the weak ones fade, empty pock-

13 **B^bMI⁷ E^b⁷ B^bMI⁷ E^b⁷ A^bMA⁷ A^b⁶ A^bMI^(MA 7) A^bMI⁶**
ets don't ev - er make the grade. Ma - ma may have, Pa - pa may have, but God

17 **GMI⁷ C^{7(b9)} FMI⁷ B^b⁷ E^b⁶ DMI^{7(b5)} G⁷ B CMI CMI^(MA 7)**
bless the child that's got his own, that's got his own. Mon - - ey, you got lots

22 **CMI⁷ CMI⁶ GMI⁷ DMI^{7(b5)} G⁷ CMI CMI^(MA 7) CMI⁷ CMI⁶**
o' friends crowd - in' round the door, when you're gone and spend - in' ends, they

A3

27 **GMI⁷ C⁷ FMI^{7(b5)} B^b⁷ E^bMA⁷ E^b⁷ A^b⁶ E^bMA⁷ E^b⁷ A^b⁶**
don't come no more. Rich re-la-tions give, crust of bread, and such, you can help

31 **B^bMI⁷ E^b⁷ B^bMI⁷ E^b⁷ A^bMA⁷ A^b⁶ A^bMI^(MA 7) A^bMI⁶**
your - self, but don't take too much. Ma - ma may have, Pa - pa may have, but God

35 **GMI⁷ C^{7(b9)} FMI⁷ B^b⁷ E^b⁶ (FMI⁷ B^b⁷)**
bless the child that's got his own, that's got his own.