

## 2B.8 KINGDOM OF GOD: RESOURCE SHEET 3

# WHAT KIND OF KING? WHAT KIND OF KINGDOM?

### 'DOWN TO EARTH' BY STEPHEN FISCHBACHER

He could have been born in a royal palace  
and called 'Your majesty',  
worn a crown of diamonds  
and lived in luxury,  
but he was born in a dirty stable  
and laid on a bed of hay,  
not too many welcomed him  
on the very first Christmas Day

#### CHORUS:

He is down to earth, He is down to earth.  
The one who changed the world forever  
is down to earth

He could have been friends with rich and famous  
with big celebrities, had anything he wanted  
living as he pleased,  
but he made friends with the poor folks  
with the sick and with the lame,  
he helped them with their problems  
and he called them all by name

He could have been full of his importance  
and felt so very grand  
his servants would have bowed and said  
"Your wish is my command"  
but he wore a crown of thorns, gave everything he had  
he gave his life that we might know  
the great love of his dad

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*For Christians, the key significance of this song is that it gives three verses on the birth, life and death of Jesus, which see him as human and humane. He changed the world forever (as God's incarnate Son), but he did this by connecting the kingdom of God to ordinary people – the opposite of how we usually see royalty.*