

Side Notes: This is a song I remember singing many times as a child, both at home and in church. The tune is catchy and the message that has always stuck with me from this song is that I need to "try" to be like Jesus in everything I do. This song answers the question of what that means in one of the simplest ways. "Be gentle. Be kind. Find ways to serve your neighbor, and most important of all, LOVE your neighbor—in all that you do—in your words, deeds and thoughts."

If we all would "try" to be more like Jesus, I'm certain most of the problems we face in the world today would go away.

## I'm Trying To Be Like Jesus

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The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time, featuring a melody in the right hand and accompaniment in the left hand. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score is divided into four systems, each with a measure number in the top left corner. The lyrics are placed below the notes in the right hand.

**System 1:** Measure 1. The right hand starts with a half note chord (F4, Bb4) and a quarter note G4. The left hand has a half note chord (F4, Bb4). The dynamic marking *mp* is present.

**System 2:** Measure 7. The right hand melody includes the lyrics: "I'm try - ing to be like Je - sus; I'm".

**System 3:** Measure 13. The right hand melody includes the lyrics: "fol - low-ing in his ways. I'm try - to love as".

**System 4:** Measure 19. The right hand melody includes the lyrics: "he did, in all that I do and say. At".

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