

What Child is this

Text: William C. Dix, ca. 1865

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Music: traditional English melody

6/8 time signature, treble and bass staves. The music consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth note patterns. The bass staff provides harmonic support with sustained notes and chords.

1 What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing,
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant, king, to own him.

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whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear, for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

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This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.
Raise, raise the song on high; the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

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Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry!
Hail, hail the Word - made-flesh, the babe, the son of Ma - ry!
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Ma - ry!

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