



What Child is This?

William Dix

Based on the traditional English tune, Greensleeves

Moderato

Em D

1 2 2 1 2

mp What Child is this, — Who, laid to rest — On

C B

2 3 1

Ma - ry's lap, — is sleep - ing? Whom

Em D

2 2 1 2

an - gels greet — with an - thems sweet, — While

C B7 Em

shep - herds watch — are keep - ing?

5 13 1 5 2 1 2 4

Refrain

G D C

mf This, this — is Christ the King; — Whom shep - herds

5 15 5 2

B G

guard — and an - gels sing: Haste *mf* haste — to

3 4 5 6

D C B7 Em

bring Him laud, — The Babe, — the Son — of Ma - ry!

1 3 1 4 1 3 1 2 4

2. Why lies He in such mean estate,
 Where ox and ass are feeding?
 Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
 The silent Word is pleading:
 Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through,
 The Cross be borne, for me, for you:
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
 The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Refrain

3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrr
 Come peasant, king, to own Him,
 The King of kings salvation brings,
 Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
 Raise, raise the song on high,
 The Virgin sings her lullaby:
 Joy, joy for Christ is born,
 The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Refrain