

What child is this?

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Allegretto >

mf *dim.* *p* *mf*

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing; Whom

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cresc. *dim.*

an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?

10 *cresc. molto*

mp *cresc.* *cresc.* *cresc.*

This, this is Christ the King, Whose shep - herds guard, and angels sing;

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ff *dim.*

Haste, haste to bring Him land, The Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!

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!

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