

What child is this

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Traditional
(arr. John Stainer, 1840-1901)

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

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

This, this— is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard— and an - gels sing:

Haste, haste— to bring him laud,— The Babe,— the Son— of Ma - ry!

2 Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nail, 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 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!