

# What Child is this?

Traditional

*mf*

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

*mf*

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both are in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The music is marked with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "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?

Detailed description: This system contains the next two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music continues with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are: "an-gels greet with an-thems sweet, While shep-herds watch are keep-ing?"

## CHORUS

*ff*

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

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Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of the chorus. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music is marked with a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "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!

Detailed description: This system contains the next two staves of the chorus. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are: "Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Ma-ry!"

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| 2. Why lies He in such mean estate,<br>Where ox and ass are feeding?<br>Good Christian, fear: for sinners here<br>The silent Word is pleading:<br>Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through,<br>The Cross be borne, for me, for you:<br>Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,<br>The Babe, the Son of Mary! | 3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,<br>Come peasant, King to own Him;<br>The King of kings, salvation brings;<br>Let loving hearts enthron Him.<br>Raise, raise, the song on high,<br>The Virgin sings her lullaby:<br>Joy, joy, for Christ is born,<br>The Babe, the Son of Mary! |
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