

# What Child Is This?

Words: William Chatterton Dix

Music: Traditional

*Moderately Fast*

The musical score is written for piano and voice in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-3. Dynamics include *mp* (mezzo-piano). Chord symbols (Em, D, B7, G) are placed above the piano part. 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. This, this—is Christ the".

**System 1:** *mp* 1. What child is this—who, laid to rest, on

**System 2:** Ma-ry's lap—is sleep-ing, Whom an-gels

**System 3:** greet—with an-thems sweet—While shep-herds watch—are

**System 4:** keep-ing. This, this—is Christ the





Em B7

King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.

G D

*mf* Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The

Em B7 Em

Babe, the Son of Mary!

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!

