

# What child is this

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1. What child is this who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels  
sing: come, greet the infant Lord,  
the babe, the Son of Mary!
2. He lies in such a humble place,  
where ox and ass are feeding!  
No need to 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,  
place all our gifts before him.  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
let loving hearts adore him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
the Virgin sings her lullaby:  
joy, joy for Christ is born,  
the babe the Son of Mary!

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