

What Child Is This?

Words: William Chatterton Dix

Music: Traditional

Moderately Fast

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. Chord markings (Em, D, B7, G) are placed above the vocal line. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-3. The piano part features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

System 1: Chords: Em, D. Lyrics: 1. What child is this—who, laid to rest, on

System 2: Chords: Em, B7, Em. Lyrics: Ma-ry's lap—is sleep-ing, Whom an-gels

System 3: Chords: D, Em, B7. Lyrics: greet—with an-thems sweet—While shep-herds watch—are

System 4: Chords: Em, G, D. Lyrics: 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!

