

40 What Child Is This

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1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y'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 Mar - y!

2 Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, 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;
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 sing her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!

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