

# What Child Is This? Emmanuel!

SATB

Latin, c. 12th century,  
trans. by John Mason Neale  
and William Chatterton Dix

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Tune: VENI EMMANUEL  
and GREENSLEEVES

Based on a concept by Pam Noel

Mysterioso ♩ = 84

The musical score is arranged in three systems, each with three staves: Soprano (SA), Tenor Bass (TB), and Piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked 'Mysterioso' with a quarter note equal to 84 beats per minute. Dynamics include *pp* (pianissimo), *p* (piano), and *mp* (mezzo-piano). The score includes lyrics for the vocal parts and piano accompaniment. The first system (measures 1-4) features piano accompaniment with dynamics *pp*, *p*, and *mp*. The second system (measures 5-8) includes vocal entries for SA and TB with lyrics 'What O come, O come, Em - man - u -'. The third system (measures 9-12) continues the vocal parts with lyrics 'child is this? What el, And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra -'. The score includes performance markings such as 'Led.' (leader), 'Sva' (sustained), and asterisks indicating repeat or end-of-measure markers.

Duration: approx. 3:50

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child is this?

el. \_\_\_\_\_

Ped. Sva \_\_\_\_\_ \*

17

*pp accel. cresc.*

pedal harmonically

Brightly  $\text{♩} = 48$

21

*mf*

25

SA *mp*

What

*dim.*

Sva \_\_\_\_\_

29

child is this, who, laid to rest, On

*p*

8va

8va

33

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom

TB *mp*

8va

8va

37

an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While

8va

8va

41

shep - herds watch are keep - ing?

8va

45 *mf* *decresc.*

This, this — is Christ the King, — Whom shep - herds

*mf* *decresc.*

50 *mf*

guard — and an - gels sing; Haste, haste — to

*mf*

55 *rit.* *decresc.*

bring him laud, — the babe, — the son — of

*rit.* *decresc.*

59

*mp*

*rit. e cresc.*

Ma - ry, the babe, — the son — of Ma - ry, the

*mp* *rit. e cresc.*

**Tempo I**

*mf dim.*

63

babe, — Em - man - u - el. —

**Tempo I** ♩ = 80

*pp*

*mf dim.* *p*

*leg.*

67

*p*

*mp*

O come, De-sire of

*mp*

8va ----- \*

72

na - tions, bind \_\_\_\_\_ All peo - ples in one

*mp*

What child is this?

*Leg.* \* *Leg.* *Sya* ----- \*

76

heart \_\_\_\_\_ and mind; \_\_\_\_\_ Bid en - vy strife, and

What child is this?

*Leg.* \* *Leg.* \* *Sya* ----- \*

80

dis - cord cease; \_\_\_\_\_

Fill the whole world with

*Leg.* \* *Leg.* \*

84

heav - en's peace.

*Leo.* \* *Leo.* \* *Leo.* \* *Leo.*

*freely, with a shimmer*

88

Re -

*Leo.* \* *Leo.* \* *Leo.* \*

92

joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el Shall

*Gently*

*Gently* ♩ = 76

*Leo.* \* *Leo.* \*