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*Good People All, This Christmastime

**TUNE: WEXFORD** - Traditional Irish carol.

READER #2: The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. You will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you will name Him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the most High; and God will give Him the throne of His forefather David. Jesus will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” Then Mary said, “How can this be, since I do not have a husband?” And the angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you; and your child will be called the Son of God.”
Mary replied: “Behold, I am the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be as you have said.”
Then the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:26-35, 38)

*What Child Is This*  
\[\text{TUNE: } \text{GREENSLEEVES - Traditional English melody; Words by William C. Dix, ca. 1865.}\]

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Mary’s lap is sleeping, Whom

An - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while

Shep - herds watch are keep - ing?

(mel.)
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and

angels sing; haste, haste to bring Him laud, the

Babe, the Son of Mary.
For Christ is born of Mary, and

Descant (a few high voices)

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