

*For the Saint Joseph Singers and Musicians, Downers Grove, Illinois,  
with thanks for the memories.*

# WHAT CHILD IS THIS

William C. Dix (1827-1898)

GREENSLEEVES, 16th Century English  
Arr. by Robert J. Batastini

Light and detached, with an easy jazz feel ♩ = ca. 90

The musical score is arranged for Flute and Jazz Piano. It is in 6/8 time and the key of D major. The tempo is marked as 'Light and detached, with an easy jazz feel' with a quarter note equal to approximately 90 beats per minute. The score consists of 10 measures. The Flute part has a melodic line with grace notes and slurs. The Piano part provides harmonic support with chords and a bass line. Chords are labeled above the piano staves: Em7, A, Dmaj7, Gmaj7, Em7, A, Dmaj7, Gmaj7, C, B7, Em, C, B7, Em.

**Notes:** This harmonization was originally conceived to support the dorian version of the tune, with its raised 6th step. The arrangement was later written for the parish ensemble to whom it is dedicated. After many years, I was convinced that it stood up well enough to warrant publication. Though consistently in triple meter, it concedes the influence of Dave Brubeck's "Take Five," as well as Claude Bolling's "Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano." The assembly may sing throughout.

*A part for flute is available separately from the publisher, G-5364INST.*

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*S,A unis.*

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is

Em<sup>7</sup> A Dmaj<sup>7</sup> Gmaj<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> A

14

*T,B unis.*

sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While

Dmaj<sup>7</sup> Gmaj<sup>7</sup> Em A Dmaj<sup>7</sup> Gmaj<sup>7</sup>

17

shep - herds watch are keep - ing?

C B<sup>7</sup> Em A

19

*S, A*  
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and

*T, B*  
*c.f.*

G Gmaj<sup>7</sup> Dmaj<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> A

22

*c.f.*  
an - gels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the Son of

*div.*

Dmaj<sup>7</sup> Gmaj<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>9</sup> Dmaj<sup>7</sup> Gmaj<sup>7</sup> C B<sup>7</sup>