What Child Is This

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is
2 Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are
3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant king, to

sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while
feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the
own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let

Refrain

shepherd's watch are keeping? This, this is
singing Word is pleading. Nails, spear shall
loving hearts en-throne him. Raise, raise the

Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
song on high, the Virgin sings her lullaby;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!
hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

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