What Child Is This

1 What Child is this_ who, laid to rest___ On Mary's lap__ is sleeping?
2 Why lies He _ such mean estate,___ Where ox and ass_ are feeding?
3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh_ Come peasant, king_ to own Him;

Whom angels greet_ with anthems sweet,___ While shepherds watch_ are keeping?
Good Christian, fear_ for sinners here_ The silent Word_ is pleading.
The King of kings_ salvation brings_ Let loving hearts_ enthrone Him.

Chorus

This, this_ is Christ the King_ Whom shepherds guard_ and angels sing;

Haste, haste_ to bring Him laud_ The Babe_ the Son_ of Mary.

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