

W Chatterton Dix  
(1837 - 98)

## What child is this

E J Fitzhugh  
(1885)  
arr D G M

The musical score is written for piano in 6/8 time, with a tempo marking of quarter note = 76. It consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 1-5) features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat. The second system (measures 6-11) continues the melody and accompaniment, including a key signature change to two flats at measure 10. The third system (measures 12-16) concludes the piece with a final cadence in two flats.

What child is this, who laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping ?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping.  
This, this is Christ the king.  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
Haste, haste to bring him laud.  
The babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding ?  
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here  
The silent word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through  
The cross he bore for me and you;  
Hail, hail the word made flesh,  
The babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come peasant king to own him;  
The king of kings salvation brings -  
Let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The Virgin brings her lullaby,  
Joy, joy for Christ is born,  
The babe, the Son of Mary.

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