What Child is This?

Text: W. Chatterton Dix

Melody: Trad - Arr. Philip Norman

S. V1. What

V2. Why

1st time

2nd time

Child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom
lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding? Come,

Ah, 

Angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping:

Ah, 

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds worship and angels sing:

Ah, 

Haste, haste to bring him praise the babe the son of Mary.

Hail, hail, the Saviour comes, the babe, the son of Mary.

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PERFORMANCE METHODS:
Unison - everybody sings the melody for all three verses
2 Part - upper (S & A on the melody) and lower (men). For the last verse, as written.
2 Part - S & A only - both parts sing the melody for verses 1 & 2 and then the Sops sing the descant in v. 3
3 Part - as written.
IN VERSE 3 OF THE ACCOMPANIMENT, FOR ALL VERSIONS, PLAY BASS NOTES AN OCTAVE HIGHER, WHERE NECESSARY, IF NOT USING ORGAN PEDALS.

This arrangement preserves the original Renaissance bass line, hence the parallel 5ths in places.