What Child Is This?

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary’s lap is sleeping?

2. Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and sheep 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 en-throne 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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Music: Traditional English melody, 16th Century