

What Child Is This [Lyrics]

[Default Arrangement] by Dennis Allen, Nan Allen, and William Chatterton Dix

V1, C1, V2, C2, V3, C3

Verse 1

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?

Chorus 1

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Verse 2

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners
here
The silent Word is pleading.

Chorus 2

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Verse 3

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Chorus 3

Raise, raise a song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.