

What child is this, who, laid to rest

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English melody

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.