

What Child Is This?

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GREENSLEEVES
Music: ENGLISH MELODY
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Calmly (♩ = 144)

1. What Child is this, — who, laid to rest, — on Ma - ry's lap — is sleep - ing? Whom
2. Why lies he in — such mean es - tate — where ox and ass — are feed - ing? Good
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come peas - ant, king — to own him; the

an - gels greet — with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch — are keep - ing?
Christ - ian, fear, — for sin - ners here — the si - lent Word — is plead - ing.
King of kings — sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts — en - throne him.

This, this — is Christ the King, — whom shep - herds guard — and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear — shall pierce him through, — the cross be borne — for me, for you.
Raise, raise — the song on high, — the Vir - gin sings — her lul - la - by.

haste, haste — to bring him laud, — the Babe, — the Son — of Ma - ry.
Hail, hail — the Word made flesh, — the Babe, — the Son — of Ma - ry.
Joy, joy — for Christ is born, — the Babe, — the Son — of Ma - ry.