

# What Child Is This [Lyrics, 6/8]

[Greensleeves] by 16th cent. English melody; words: William C. Dix, 1865

## Verse 1

What child is this who, laid, to rest,

**D#ø**

on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,

**D#ø**

while shepherds watch are keeping?

## Verse 2

Why lies he in such mean estate

**D#ø**

where beasts of burden are feeding?

Good Christians, fear, for sinners here

**D#ø**

the silent Word is pleading.

## Verse 3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,

**D#ø**

come, peasant, king, to own him;

the King of kings salvation brings,

**D#ø**

let loving hearts enthrone him.

## Refrain

This, this is Christ the King,

**D#ø**

whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud,

**D#ø**

the babe, the son of Mary.