

# WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

"What Child Is This?" is a Christmas hymn whose lyrics were written by William Chatterton Dix, in 1865. The hymn's accompanying melody has been described as "soulful", "haunting and beautiful" in feeling and nature. Discover the lyrics and story of this beautiful hymn along with music videos below!

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:

This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

2 Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.[Chorus]

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]