

What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES

1. What Child is this who, laid to rest, on Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing?
2. Why lies He in such low es - tate where ox and lamb are feed-ing?
3. So bring Him in-cense, gold, and myrrh; come peas-ant, king, to own Him.

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear: for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The 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 Mar - y.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mar - y.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mar - y!

WORDS: William Chatterton Dix, 1865

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