What Child Is This?

They made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this Child. Luke 2:17

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
2. Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king to own Him.

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts en-throne Him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

TEXT: William C. Dix
MUSIC: Traditional English melody, 16th century

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