

What Child Is This?

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Tune: GREENSLEEVES

Traditional English Melody

With haunting stillness ♩ = 46

The musical score is arranged in a piano-vocal format. It begins with a piano introduction in 6/8 time, marked *p* and *8va*. The piano part features a haunting, still melody in the right hand and a simple harmonic accompaniment in the left hand. The vocal parts (SATB) enter at measure 4, also marked *p*. The lyrics are: "What Child is this? _____". The piano accompaniment continues throughout the vocal parts, ending with a final chord marked *8va*.

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8

p

What Child is this, who, on

p

What Child is this, who, laid to rest on

8^{va}

12

p

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet,

p

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet,

8

Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?

Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?

16

while shep - herds watch, while shep - herds watch are

while shep - herds watch are

While shep - herds watch, while shep - herds watch are

While shep - herds watch are

8^{va}

20

keep - ing. This, this is Christ the King, whom

keep - ing? This, this is Christ the King,

keep - ing. This, this is Christ the King,

keep - ing. This, this is Christ the King,

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

24 *mp* *f*

shep - herds guard and an - gels sing. Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,

mp *f*

shep-herds guard and an - gels sing. Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,

mp *f*

shep-herds guard and an - gels sing. Haste,

mp *f*

shep-herds guard and an - gels sing. Haste,

28 *rit.*

p

the Babe, the Son of Mar - y.

p

the Babe, the Son of Mar - y.

8va *p* *rit.* *8va*

Poco più mosso

33

mp
Why lies He in _____ such

mp
Why lies He in _____ such

Poco più mosso

pp cresc.

mp

36

mean es - tate, _____ where ox and ass _____ are feed - ing?

mean es - tate, _____ where ox and ass _____ are feed - ing? *mp*

Good *mp*

Good

Poco meno mosso

39

For sin - ners here.

For sin - ners here.

Chris - tians, fear, for sin - ners here.

Chris - tians, fear, for sin - ners here the

Poco meno mosso

43

Plead - ing.

Is plead - ing.

Plead - ing, is plead - ing,

si - lent Word is plead - ing, is plead - ing.

Poco più mosso

47 *f*
 Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the
f
 Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the
f
 Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the
f
 Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the

Poco più mosso

f

50 *mp* *mf* *f*
 cross be borne for me, for you. Hail, hail
mp *mf* *f*
 cross be borne for me, for you. Hail, hail
mp *mf* *f*
 cross be borne for me, for you. Hail, hail the
mp *mf* *f*
 cross be borne for me, for you. Hail, hail the

mp *f*