

What Child Is This? lyrics by William Dix (1865) to a traditional English melody (IV, I)

Child of the Poor by Scott Soper (1994)

Em₍₃₎ *G*₍₃₎ *D*₍₃₎ *D*₍₃₎
Helpless and hungry, lowly, afraid
 What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on
Em₍₃₎ *Am/C*₍₃₎ *B*₍₃₎ *B*₍₃₎
Wrapped in the chill of midwinter;
 Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom
Em₍₃₎ *G*₍₃₎ *D*₍₃₎ *D*₍₂₎ *D#dim7*₍₁₎
Comes now, among us, born into, poverty's em-
 an gels greet with anthems sweet, while
Em₍₃₎ *B*₍₃₎ *Em*₍₃₎ *Em*₍₃₎
brace, new life for the world Who is
 shepherds watch are keep ing?
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G₍₃₎ *G*₍₃₎ *D*₍₃₎ *D*₍₃₎
this who lives with the lowly, sharing their
 This, this is Christ the King, whom
C₍₃₎ *Am/C*₍₃₎ *B*₍₃₎ *B*₍₃₎
sorrows, knowing their hunger? This is
 shepherds guard and angels sing:
G₍₃₎ *G*₍₃₎ *D*₍₃₎ *D*₍₃₎
Christ, revealed to the world in the eyes of a
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the
C₍₂₎ *Am/C*₍₁₎ *B*₍₃₎ *Em*₍₃₎ *Em*₍₃₎ *Cma7*₍₃₎ *Cma7*₍₃₎ *D*₍₃₎ *D*₍₃₎ *Em*₍₃₎ *Em*₍₃₎
child, a child of the poor.
 babe, the son of Mary.

Who is the stranger here in our midst, looking for shelter among us
Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good
 Who is the outcast? Who do we see amid the poor, the children of God? Who is
Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent word is pleading.

Bring all the thirsty, all who seek peace; Bring those with nothing to offer.
 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh. Come, peasant, king, to own Him; the
Strengthen the feeble, say to the frightened heart: "Fear not; here is your God!" Who is
 King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthroned Him.