

# What Child Is This?

lyrics by William Dix (1865) to a traditional English melody (IV, I)

*Em* *(D)* *G*            *D*    *Bm* *(Cdim7)*  
What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
*Em*   *Am*   *B*    *B7*    *(Em)*  
Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom  
*Em* *(D)*   *G*            *D*            *Bm* *(Cdim7)*  
an gels greet with anthems sweet, while  
*Em* *(Am)*   *B*            *Em*   *Em*  
shepherds watch are keep ing?

*Bm* *G*        *D*            *Bm* *(Cdim7)*  
This, this is Christ the King, whom  
*Em*            *Am*            *B*        *B*  
shepherds guard and angels sing:  
*Bm*   *G*            *D*            *Bm* *(Cdim7)*  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the  
*Em* *(Am)*   *B*        *Em*        *Em*  
babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent word is pleading.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.