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What Child Is This

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. Matthew:1:21

Text: William C. Dix 1837-1898

Tune: English ballad, 16th century

What child is this, — who, laid to rest, — On Mar - y's lap — is
 Why lies he in — such mean es - tate — Where ox and ass — are
 So bring him in — cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas - ant king, — to

4 sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet — with an - thems sweet While shep - herds watch are
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian fear; — for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is
 own him The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en -

8 keep - ing? This, this — is Christ the king — Whom shep - herds guard — and
 plead - ing. Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne — for
 throne him Raise, raise — the songs on high, — The vir - gin sings — her

12 an - gels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, — The babe the son — of Mar - y!
 me, for you; Hail, hail — the Word made flesh The babe the son — of Mar - y!
 lul - la - by; Joy, joy, — for Christ is born, The babe the son — of Mar - y.