

What child is this?

William Chatterton Dix
(1837–98)

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Delicate, lilting ♩ = 60

VOICES v. 1: SOPRANOS v. 2: TENORS *mp espress.*

ORGAN *mp* *Solo* *Man.*

1. What
2. Why

5

child is this who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom
lies he in such mean es - tate, Where ox and ass are feed - ing? Good

p legato

9

an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Christ - ians fear: for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.

An accompaniment for chamber orchestra (fl, cl, str) is available on hire/rental from the publisher or appropriate agent.

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13 *mp rich, intense*

S. A.

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep-herds wor - ship and an - gels sing: —
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, The Cross be borne — for me, for you: —

T. B.

mp rich, intense

(mp)

Ped.

17 *mf* *mp*

Haste, haste to bring him praise, The Babe, the Son — of — Ma - ry.
Hail! hail the Word Made Flesh, The Babe, the Son — of —

mf *mp*

mf *mp*

1. Solo

20b

2. *mp* *mf*

Ma - ry. 3. So

mp *mf*

2. *mp* *mf*

Man.

25

bring him in - cense, gold and myrrh; Come, peas-ant, king, to own_ him!_ The

29

King of Kings sal - va-tion brings: Let_ lov-ing hearts en - throne him!

mf

Ped.

33 *mf declamatory*

Raise, raise the song on high! The Vir-gin sings her lul - la - by.

mf declamatory

37 *f*

Joy! joy! for Christ is born, The babe, the Son of Ma - ry!

dim.

f

dim.

Solo

mp

41

S. SOLO

SOPRANO SOLO *mp espress.*

What

Man.

45

S. SOLO

child is this who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is sleep-ing? Whom an-gels greet with

S. A. *p* *mm* *mp* *mm*

* (ORG.)

T. B. *p* *mp*

50

an-thems sweet, While shep-herds watch are keep - ing?

dim. *p*

What

dim. *p*

dim. *p*

(Man.) Ped.

55

child is this?

rall.

rall.

dim. *pp*

Man. Ped.

* Organ: double voices *ad lib.*

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