

Words William Chatterton Dix 1865

Music 16th century traditional English
Greensleeves

What Child is This?

BPM 106

Intro: Dm 2 3 | Dm 2 3 beats to bar

What Child is [F] this who [C] laid to [Am] rest
 On [Dm] Mary's [Bb] lap is [A] sleeping?
 Whom [Dm] Angels [F] greet with [C] anthems sweet,
 While [Dm] shepherds [A] watch are [Dm] keeping?

[F] This, this is [C] Christ the [Am] King,
 Whom [Dm] shepherds [Bb] guard and [A] Angels sing.
 [F] Haste, haste, to [C] bring Him [Am] laud,
 The [Dm] Babe, the [A] Son of [Dm] Mary.

Why lies he [F] in such [C] mean [Am] estate
 Where [Dm] ox and [Bb] ass are [A] feeding?
 Good [Dm] Christians [F] fear for [C] sinners hear,
 The [Dm] silent [A] word is [Dm] pleading.

[F] This, this is [C] Christ the [Am] King,
 Whom [Dm] shepherds [Bb] guard and [A] Angels sing.
 [F] Haste, haste, to [C] bring Him [Am] laud,
 The [Dm] Babe, the [A] Son of [Dm] Mary.

So bring Him [F] incense, [C] gold and [Am] myrrh,
 Come [Dm] Peasant, [Bb] King to [A] own Him.
 The [Dm] King of [F] Kings sal-[C]-vation brings,
 Let [Dm] loving [A] hearts en-[Dm]-throned Him.

[F] Raise, raise a [C] song on [Am] high,
 His [Dm] Mother [Bb] sings her [A] lullaby.
 [F] Joy, joy for [C] Christ is [Am] born,
 The [Dm] Babe, the [A] Son of [Dm] Mary.

The Babe, the [A] Son of [Dm] Mary.

