

What Child Is This?

TTBB Unaccompanied

William Chatterton Dix
(1837–1898)

16th century English Ballad
arr. Timothy C. Takach

With humility and awe (♩ = ca. 134)

mp *p*

Tenor I
Tenor II

Baritone
Bass

mp *p*

mp What child is this _____ who,

5

oo _____ lap is

laid to rest _____ on Mar - y's lap, _____ is

9

sleep - ing? Whom an -

Whom an -

sleep - ing? *mf* Whom an - gels greet _____ with

Duration: ca. 2:30

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gels

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greet with

an - thems sweet, while shep - herd's watch are

17

mf sing - ing. This is

mf keep - ing. *f* This, this is

21

Christ whom an gels guard and

Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and

25

sing. Haste, haste to

an - gels sing. Haste,

29

bring him laud, the babe, the son of

unison

unison

33 *mp* *divisi pp*

Mar - y. Why lies he

mp *divisi pp* *p* Why lies he in _____ such

37

in _____ such mean _____ es -

mean es - tate _____ where ox and ass _____ are

41 *mp*

tate? _____ Good Christ - ians, fear, _____ for

feed - ing? *mp*

45

sin - ners here _____ the si - lent word _____ is

49 *p* *mf*

plead - ing. Nails _____ spear _____ shall

p *mf* *f* Nails, spear _____ shall

53

pierce him through for

pierce him through, the cross be borne for

57

you. Hail, hail the

you. for you. me, for you. Hail,

61

word made flesh, the babe, the son of

unison mf unison mf

65

Mar - y. So bring him in - cense, gold and

slower p mp

70

myrrh; Come peas - ant, king, to own him. The

divisi unison p

75 *ritard.*

King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing

80 *divisi* *a tempo* *f*

hearts en - throne him. Raise, raise the

f *divisi*

85 *mf* *p*

song on high, the vir - gin sings her

f *mp* *p*

89 *(Tenor I only)* *mp* *mf* *f* *mf*

lull - a - by. Joy, joy for Christ is

mf *f* *mf* *mf* *f*

94 *unison* *mp*

born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

unison *mf* *mp*