

87. What Child Is This?

What child is this who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus (Repeat after each verse)

**This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.**

As Mary mused upon her son—
The star o'erhead, the night of calm,
All life on earth would know his peace,
His love, his healing balm.

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