What Child Is This?

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1. What Child is this who, laid to rest On Mary's lap is sleeping?
2. Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding?
3. So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king to own Him;
4. Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you.
Raise, raise a song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby.

Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The Babe, the Son of Mary.
Joy, joy for Christ is born, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Lk 2:7, Mt 2:1-11, Phil 2:5-8, Is 53:1-6

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