

# What Child Is This

WORDS: William C. Dix, 1865 (Lk. 2:6-20; Mt. 2:1-12)

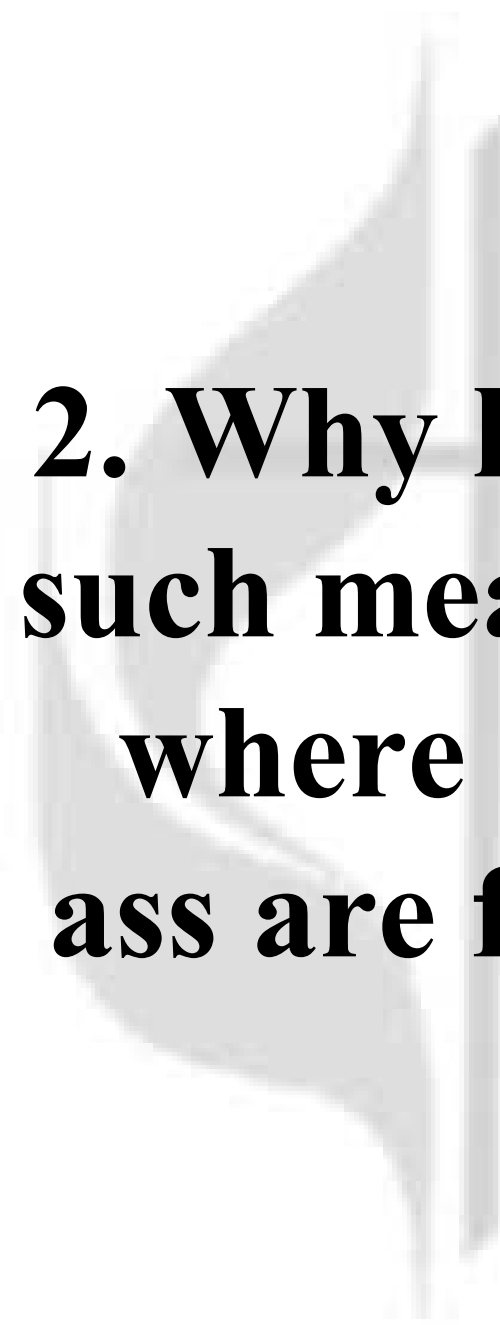
**1. What child is this  
who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?**



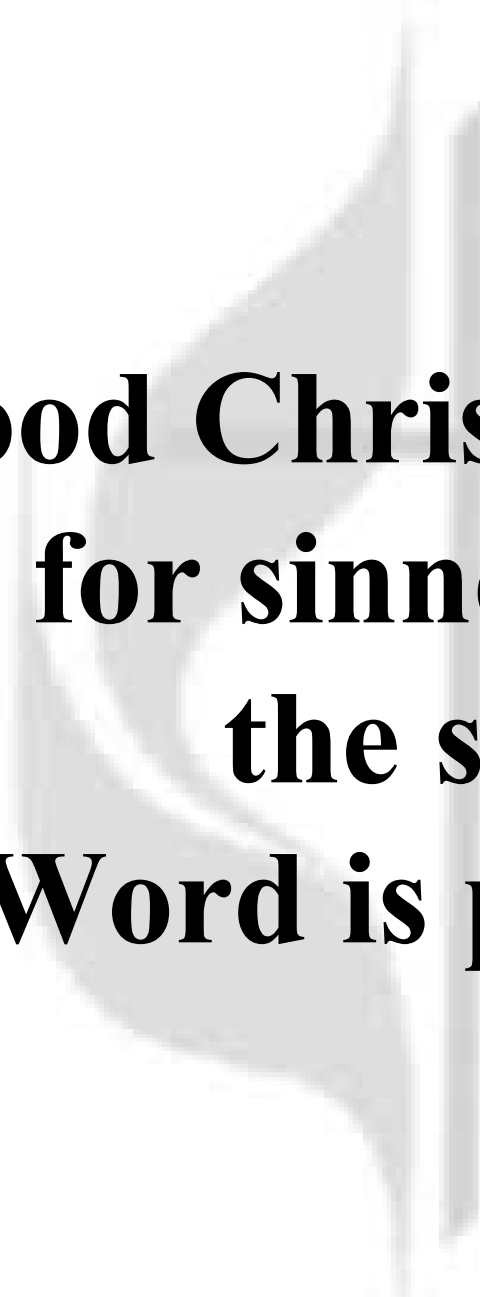
**Whom angels greet  
with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds  
watch are keeping?**

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**This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard  
and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the Son of Mary.**



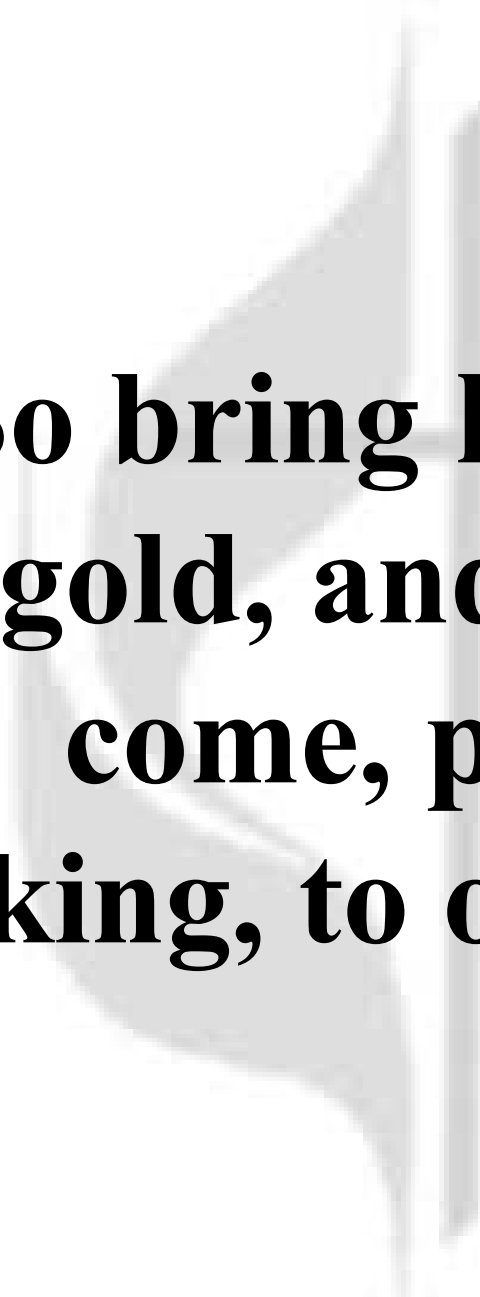
**2. Why lies he in  
such mean estate  
where ox and  
ass are feeding?**



**Good Christians, fear,  
for sinners here  
the silent  
Word is pleading.**

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**This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard  
and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the Son of Mary.**



**3. So bring him incense,  
gold, and myrrh,  
come, peasant,  
king, to own him;**



**the King of kings  
salvation brings,  
let loving  
hearts enthrone him.**



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