

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?**



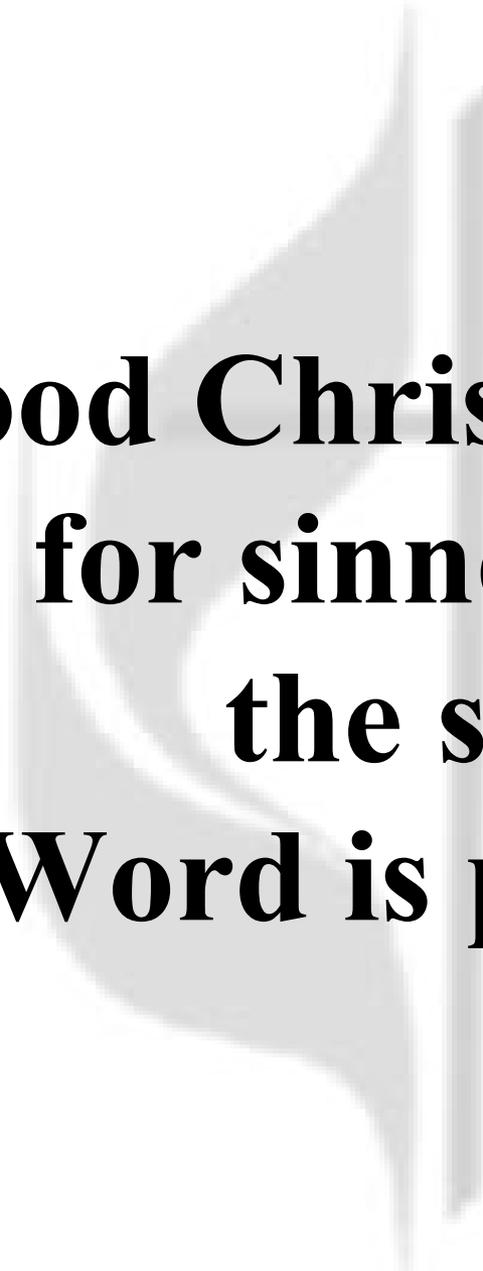
**Whom angels greet
with anthems sweet,
while shepherds
watch are keeping?**

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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.**



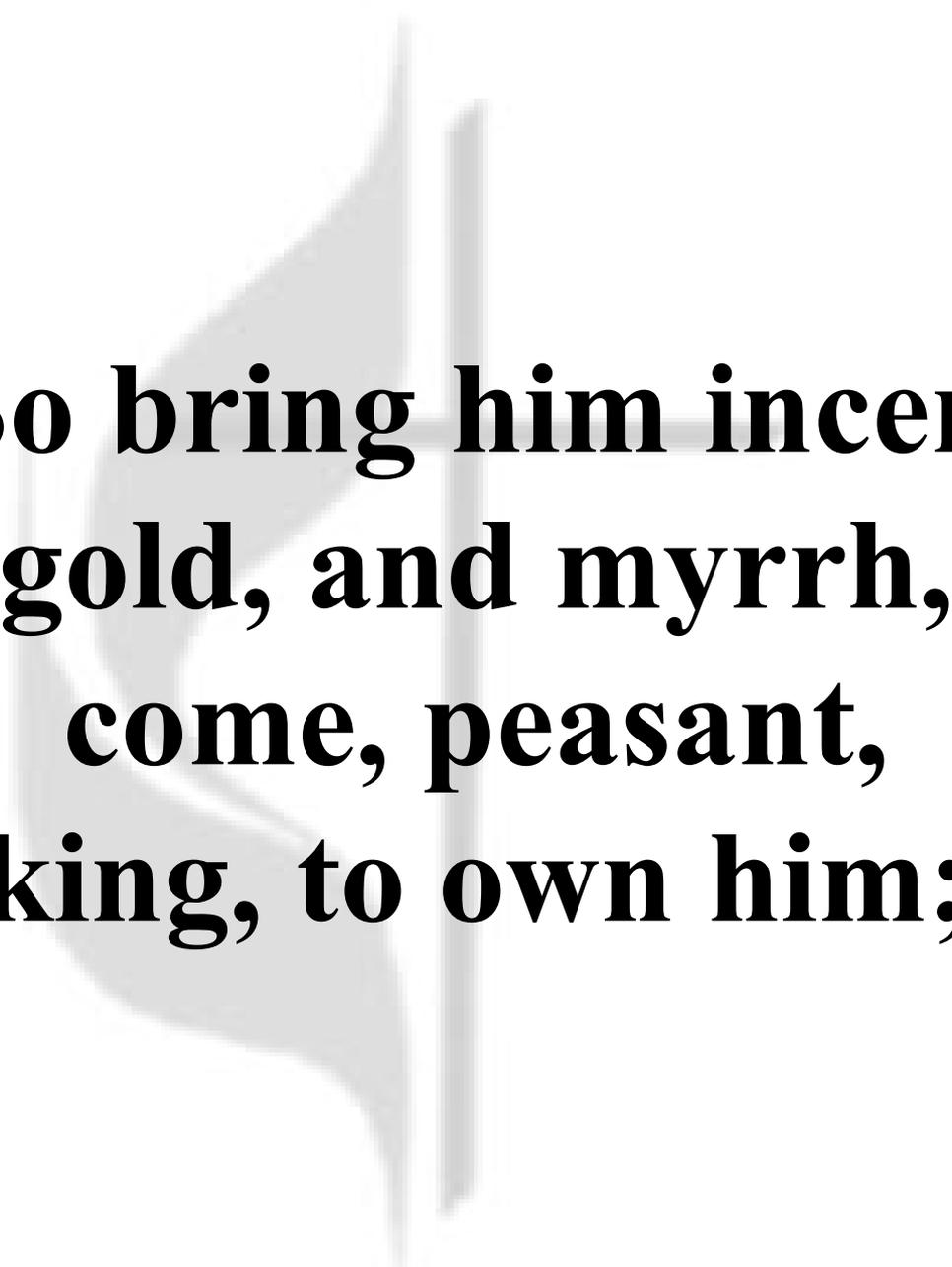
**2. Why lies he in
such mean estate
where ox and
ass are feeding?**



**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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