

What Child is This

Greensleeves

Words by William Dix
1837-1898

Em G D Bm

What Child is this who laid to rest on

6

5 3

Detailed description: This system contains the first five measures of the piece. The treble clef staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. Chords Em, G, D, and Bm are indicated above the staff. The lyrics 'What Child is this who laid to rest on' are written below the treble staff. The bass clef staff shows a bass line with a triplet of eighth notes (5, 3, 5) under the word 'rest'.

Em C B Em

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels

6

5 4 3 2 1

Detailed description: This system contains measures 6 through 10. Chords Em, C, B, and Em are indicated above the staff. The lyrics 'Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels' are written below the treble staff. The bass clef staff shows a descending eighth-note line with a triplet of eighth notes (5, 4, 3) under the word 'ing?'.

G D Bm C B

greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are

11

5 3

Detailed description: This system contains measures 11 through 15. Chords G, D, Bm, C, and B are indicated above the staff. The lyrics 'greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are' are written below the treble staff. The bass clef staff shows a descending eighth-note line with a triplet of eighth notes (5, 3, 5) under the word 'watch'.

Em Bm G D

keep - ing. This, this is Christ the

16

5 3

Detailed description: This system contains measures 16 through 20. Chords Em, Bm, G, and D are indicated above the staff. The lyrics 'keep - ing. This, this is Christ the' are written below the treble staff. The bass clef staff shows a descending eighth-note line with a triplet of eighth notes (5, 3, 5) under the word 'This,'.

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21 King whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.

26 Haste, haste, to bring him laud, the Babe the

31 Son of Ma - ry.

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.

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, 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.

Raise, raise a song on high, the Virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary.