

What Child is This?

Verse

Refrain

The image shows the musical notation for the song 'What Child is This?'. It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves are labeled 'Verse' and the last two are labeled 'Refrain'. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 9/8. The melody is simple and characteristic of the song.

1. What child is this who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping,
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherd's watch are keeping?
 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 Christian, fear for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading:
 Nails, spear will pierce Him through,
 The cross be born 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 the song on high,
 The Virgin sings a lullaby,
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
 The Babe, the son of Mary.