

What Child is this

Traditional

The first system of musical notation for 'What Child is this' is in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a 6/8 time signature, starting with a whole rest followed by a half note G2, then quarter notes A2, B2, and C3.

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The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It features two staves. The treble staff continues the melody with notes like D4, E4, and F#4. The bass staff provides accompaniment with notes like D2, E2, and F#2. The system concludes with a double bar line and a fermata over the final notes.

The third system of musical notation continues the piece. It features two staves. The treble staff continues the melody with notes like G4, A4, and B4. The bass staff provides accompaniment with notes like C3, D3, and E3. The system concludes with a double bar line and a fermata over the final notes.

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The fourth system of musical notation continues the piece. It features two staves. The treble staff continues the melody with notes like C5, B4, and A4. The bass staff provides accompaniment with notes like G2, F#2, and E2. The system concludes with a double bar line and a fermata over the final notes.

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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?

This, this is Christ the King,
 Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;
 Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
 The Babe, the Son of Mary.

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.

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.