

What child is this?

words by William Dix, 1865

tune traditional English, arr. Sheena Phillips

• = 48 with a gentle lilt

optional solo mp

Soprano

p the 'd' of 'du' should be only very lightly pronounced

Alto

p

Tenor

p

Bass

p

1. What

du du du du du du du du du du du du

du du du du du du du du du du du du

du du du du du du du du du du du du

5

S

child is this who laid to rest on Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom

A

du du du du du du du du du du du du du du du du

T

du du du du du du du du du du du du

B

du du du du du du du du du du du du

what child is this 2

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S an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?

A du du du du du du du du du du du du du du

T du du du du du du

B du du du du du du du

13 *mf tutti*

S This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

A *mf* This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;

T *mf* This, this is Christ, this is Christ the King,

B *mf* This, this is Christ, this is Christ the King,

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S *mp* *p*
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

A *mp* *p*
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

T *mp* *p*
haste, bring him laud, _____ the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

B *mp* *p*
haste, bring him laud, _____ the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

21 *p*

A *p*
du du du du du du du du du du du

T *p*
du du du du du du du

B *p* *mp*
du du du du du _____ 2. Why

25 *p*

S
ooh

A
ooh

T
ooh

B
lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing? Good

29

S
ooh

A
ooh

T
ooh

B
Chris - tians fear, for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.

33 *mf*

S This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

A *mf*
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;

T *mf*
8 This, this is Christ, this is Christ the King,

B *mf*
This, this is Christ, this is Christ the King,

37

S haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

A haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

T *mf*
8 haste, bring him laud, _____ the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

B haste, bring him laud, _____ the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

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S King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

A King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

T King of kings; _____ let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

B King of kings; _____ let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

53 *f*

S This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and

A This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and

T This, this is Christ, this is Christ the

B This, this is Christ, this is Christ the

56

S an - gels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the

A an - gels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the

T King, haste, bring him laud, the

B King, haste, bring him laud, the

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S babe, the son of Ma - - - - - ry. *sempre forte*

A babe, the son of Ma - - - - - ry. *sempre forte*

T babe, the son of Ma - - - - - ry. *sempre forte*

B babe, the son of Ma - - - - - ry. *sempre forte*